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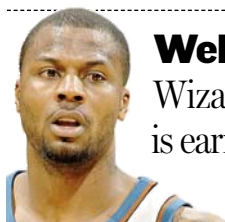
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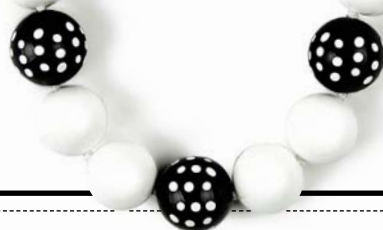


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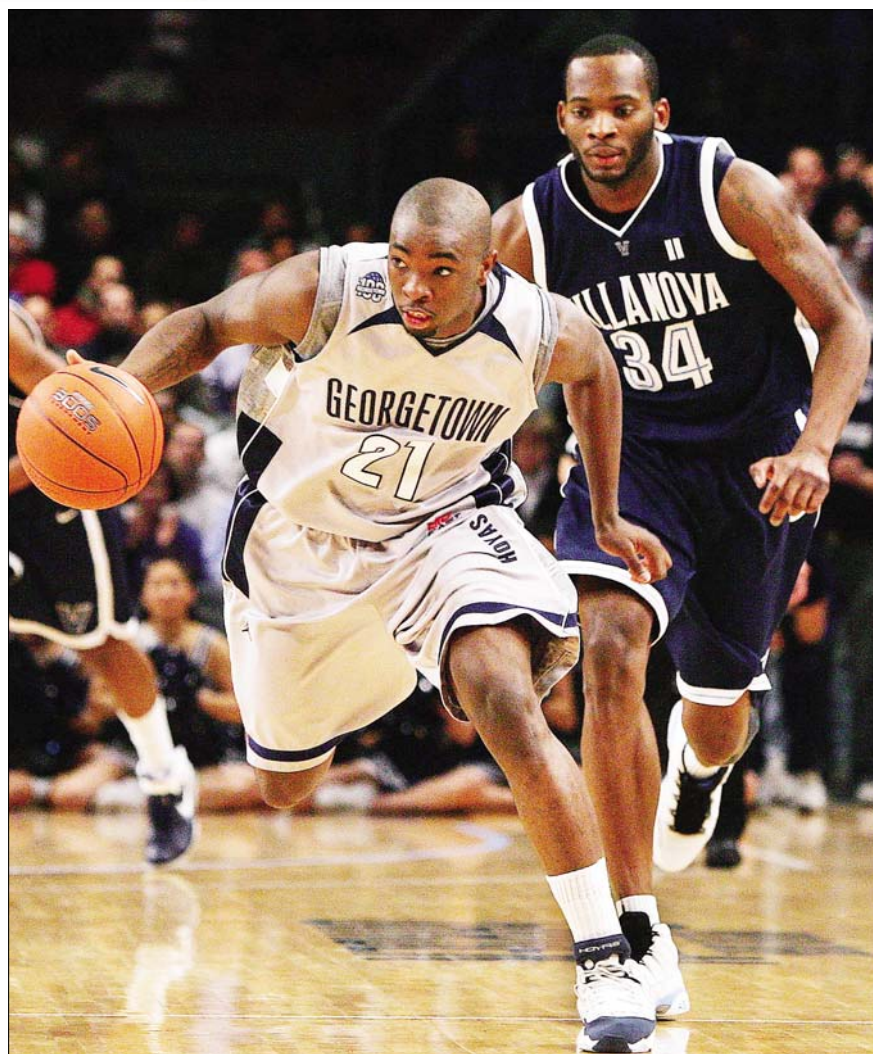
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Hoyas Head to Tourney Semis

STEP UP: Georgetown's Jessie Sapp is pursued by Villanova's Curtis Sumpter in the quarterfinals of the Big East Championship in New York Thursday. After a dominant first half, the Hoyas hung on for a 62-57 win to advance to the semifinals. **Pick 'em:** Area teams await Selection Sunday | **Page 11**

Dem Plan: Leave Iraq Next Year

In challenge to Bush, House leaders demand '08 pullout

WASHINGTON | House Democratic leaders vowed Thursday to pass legislation setting a deadline of Sept. 1, 2008, for the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq, a challenge to President Bush's war policy that drew a blunt veto threat in return.

"It would unnecessarily handcuff our generals on the ground, and it's safe to say it's a non-starter for the president," said White House spokesman Dan Bartlett.

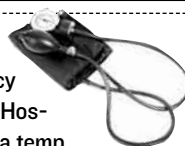
Little more than two months after Democrats took control of the House and Senate, Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California said the bill would set "dates certain for the first time in the Congress for the redeployment of our troops out of Iraq."

Officials said the deadline would be accelerated if the government of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki failed to meet commitments for taking over security operations, distributing oil revenue and opening his nation's constitution to amendments.

The plan is to bring the bill to a vote by the end of the month, making it the first major test of the Democrats' power since they rode a wave of anti-war voter sentiment to midterm election victories last fall. **DAVID ESPO (AP)**

THANKFULLY: It's Not Brain Surgery

Officials said a woman pretended to be a new employee and tried to help emergency room personnel with basic tasks at a Tampa hospital. St. Joseph's Hospital said the woman showed up wearing scrubs, calling herself a temp



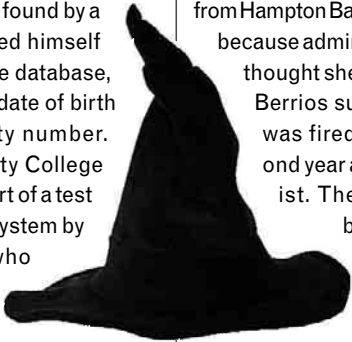
and saying she had lost her ID. She tried taking patients' blood pressures and preparing a patient for testing, but was relieved of those duties when she could not do them. Hospital officials say no care was compromised. **(EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2**

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COLLEGE

Not the Best School For Computer Training

A Sacramento community college accidentally put the personal information of 2,000 students on the Internet, the Sacramento Bee reported. The mistake was found by a student who Googled himself and came across the database, which included his date of birth and Social Security number. Los Rios Community College said the data was part of a test of a new computer system by newspaper staff, who “just grabbed some files” to upload, spokeswoman Susie Williams said: “We didn’t think the information was open to Google. The data was on what we thought was a secure part of our Web server.” (EXPRESS)



WITCHES

This Isn’t Hogwarts

Was she casting spells or teaching spelling? In an unfolding trial, lawyers are debating a former Central Islip, N.Y., teacher’s claims in a \$2 million federal lawsuit that she was improperly fired from Hampton Bays Elementary School because administrators and others thought she was a witch. Lauren Berrios sued in 2001 after she was fired following her second year as a reading specialist. The trial in the lawsuit began Wednesday in New York. The school board’s lawyer said Berrios didn’t get along with co-workers, had a condescending attitude and was eventually reported to Child Protective Services after telling tales about imaginary injuries to her son. (AP)



WILLIAM WEST/AFP

SPIKY HAIR

Lookin’ Sharp

This oh-so-unnecessary accessory highlights this model’s hair in more way than one. As with most of these haute couture things, there’s only one time and place to wear this hat from Australia milliner Richard Nylon: while parading down a catwalk, in this case, during the Melbourne Fashion Festival in Melbourne, Australia, on Thursday. Australia’s top designers and international designers are showing off their autumn/winter collections during the weeklong event. (EXPRESS)



WAITING

Stalling for Time

After bathroom walls were vandalized, a New Tampa, Fla., high school locked up all but one set of restrooms, WTSP-TV reported. Students say the move by Freedom High School administrators has caused long lines for bathrooms that cause students to be late to or miss class entirely. “I had to take 10 to 20 minutes out of class to go wait,” senior Amanda Polk said. Some students said they’ve turned to urinating outside or in bottles. (EXPRESS)

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WASHINGTON METRO – A “Special Report” explodes what its author exposes as “The myth of slow home sales.” In fact, the Report explains, in clear and plain English, how a home owner who wants to sell can not only count on a sale within 120 days but can be guaranteed that the sale will occur. The Report proves its accuracy by quoting specific local instances in which the technique it describes has sold homes time after time, quickly, efficiently, and at a favorable price. The author of the report, noted realtor Frank Sanya, has made numerous appearances on both television and radio.

Mr. Sanya states that the Report represents the compendium of his many years of real estate experience and can be of substantial value to homeowners, especially those whose homes have been on the market unsold for a considerable period of time. The author emphasizes that although he does not accept every listing, by following the Report’s procedures he accomplishes a sale in every instance in which he is the broker of record. The secret, says the Report, is a combination of traits and procedures that consistently result in a successful sale. For a free copy of the Report, go to a private but available Web site – www.WantItSoldNow.com.

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RESET YOUR CLOCKS: Thanks to a law Congress passed in 2005, daylight-saving time begins this Sunday, three weeks earlier than it began in the past. The "spring forward" used to be scheduled for the first Sunday in April.

Nation

In Brief

ATLANTA Lawmakers Ask Georgia To Apologize for Slavery

Black legislative leaders said Thursday they will introduce proposals asking Georgia to apologize for the state's role in slavery and segregation. The proposals could include a unique twist: Along with asking for apologies from the executive and legislative branches, the measures may ask for an apology from Georgia's judges.

"We saw unequal justice meted out by the courts for years," said Tyrone Brooks, a Democrat from Atlanta.

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO. Woman Briefly Awakens From Vegetative State

A woman who went into a vegetative state more than six years ago awoke this week for three days and spoke with her family and a local television station before slipping back.

"I'm fine," Christa Lilly told her mother on Sunday — her first words in eight months. She has awakened four other times for briefer periods since suffering a heart attack and stroke in November of 2000.

COLUMBIA, S.C. Organ Donors Could Get Reduction in Prison Terms

Inmates in South Carolina could soon find that a kidney is worth 180 days. Lawmakers are considering legislation that would let prisoners donate organs or bone marrow for time off their jail sentences. (AP)

Fire in N.Y. Kills 8 Children, 1 Adult

Electrical problems blamed for city's worst fire in nearly 20 years

NEW YORK | Screams poured from the burning building along with smoke and flames: "Help me! Help me! Please! Please!" Bystanders looked up to see a woman toss her children out the window one at a time to those below.

The scene unfolded early Thursday during New York's deadliest fire in nearly two decades — a blaze that killed eight children and one adult, part of an extended family led by African immigrants who shared a row house near Yankee Stadium.

The woman who tossed her children jumped from the building. Her fate and that of her children were



Family and friends of the victims gather across the street from the scene of a four-story row house fire that claimed nine lives in the Bronx borough of New York.

not immediately known.

Investigators believe the fire started overnight with a faulty space heater or overloaded power

strip, ignited a mattress in the basement and quickly raced up the stairs of the four-story structure. Most of the 22 residents were stranded on the

upper floors as the blaze raged.

Neighbor Edward Soto ran toward the fire, then stared in disbelief as an infant was tossed from the building.

"All I see is just a big cloud of white dust, and out of nowhere comes the first baby," said Soto, who caught the child while with another neighbor. Moments later, he caught a second child. At least one of the children was not breathing.

Firefighters worked for two hours in freezing predawn temperatures to bring the flames under control.

The dead were found throughout the house, mostly on the upper floors, with babies still in their cribs. The victims included five children from one family, along with a wife and three other children from a second family. VERENA DOBNIK (AP)

Administration OKs Prosecutor Bill

Bush won't oppose new rules for replacing federal prosecutors

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration, bowing to an uproar over its firing of eight federal prosecutors, won't oppose legislation changing the rules for replacing them, senators said Thursday.

"The administration would not object to the bill," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., referring to legislation to remove the adminis-

tration's power to fill the vacancies without Senate confirmation.



Gonzales

He spoke with reporters after a meeting involving Judiciary Committee senators and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Schumer, Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, the panel's senior Republican, said Gonzales

also agreed to let five of his top aides involved in the firings talk with the committee.

The meeting with Gonzales occurred a few hours after Leahy's committee agreed to postpone a vote on subpoenas that would have compelled five of Gonzales' aides who were involved in the firings to testify about the details under oath.

In hearings Tuesday, fired prosecutors insisted they had stellar records and didn't deserve the Justice Department saying they were ousted for poor performance. (AP)

Plame to Testify Before Congress

WASHINGTON | Valerie Plame, the CIA operative exposed after her husband criticized President Bush's march to war, has agreed to testify next week before the House Oversight and Government Reform Com-



Plame

mittee, the chairman of the panel, Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said Thursday. (AP)

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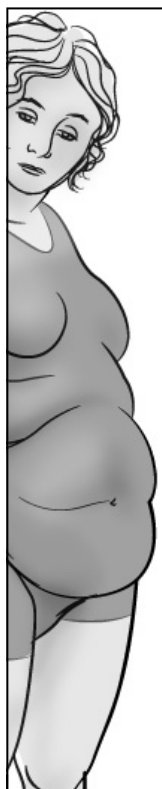
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The percentage of businesses in southeastern Louisiana that failed in the year after Hurricane Katrina, according to a study by Louisiana State University.

Bush Tours Latin America

President hopes trip will offset growing clout of leftist leaders

SAO PAULO, BRAZIL | President Bush sought to reverse an impression of U.S. neglect as he opened a weeklong tour of Latin America on Thursday. Street protests awaited him.

Bush's trip was intended to promote democracy, increased trade and cooperation on alternative fuels. The president and his advisers also hoped his visit would offset the growing influence of leftist leaders, such as Venezuela's Hugo Chavez.

As he flew here on Air Force One, Bush's national security adviser brushed aside Chavez's provocations. "The president is going to do what he's been doing for a long time: talk about a positive agenda," said Stephen Hadley.

Police clashed with students, environmentalists and left-leaning Brazilians, some waving com-



President Bush and first lady Laura Bush board a plane to Brazil on Thursday. Bush embarked on a weeklong tour of Latin America, where protests awaited him.

munist flags, ahead of Bush's visit. Riot police fired tear gas after more than 6,000 people held a largely peaceful march through the financial district.

Meanwhile, the police commander of Colombia, which Bush will visit on Sunday, said authorities had thwarted leftist rebel plans to

disrupt Bush's visit to Bogota.

Bush played down the protests in interviews ahead of his trip with Latin American news organizations.

"I am proud to be going to a part of the world where people can demonstrate, where people can express their minds," Bush said. (AP)

Jury: Vonage Violated Three Verizon Patents

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | Internet phone company Vonage must pay Verizon Communications \$58 million for infringing on three patents that enable the upstart's low-cost telephone service, a jury ruled on Thursday.

The judgment is far less than the \$197 million that Verizon had requested, and it was more in line with what Vonage had suggested — if the Holmdel, N.J.-based company was found liable.

Still undetermined is whether Vonage will be barred from using Verizon's technology. Following the verdict, attorneys for New York-based Verizon requested a permanent injunction barring Vonage from further use of the patented technology.

A hearing on the request is scheduled for March 23 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. (AP)

N.Y. Mosque Leaders Sentenced to 15 Years

Men were arrested for roles in fictional terror plot created by FBI

ALBANY, NEW YORK | Two mosque leaders who were snared in an FBI sting involving a fictional terror strike were each sentenced Thursday to 15 years in U.S. prison — far less than the maximum 30 years they could have received.

The former imam at the Albany mosque, Kurdish refugee Yassin Aref, said he was not guilty and criticized the government for its treatment of him.

"I never had any intention to harm anyone in this country," he told U.S. District Judge Thomas McAvoy. "And I don't know why I'm guilty."

Mohammed Hossain, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Bangladesh,



Mohammed Hossain, left, is led from the federal courthouse in Albany, N.Y.

told the judge he knows nothing about bombs and terrorism.

Aref and Hossain were convicted in October for their roles in a money laundering scheme involving an FBI informant who pretended to be an illegal arms dealer. The informant asked Hossain to launder \$50,000 from the sale of a shoulder-fired missile that would be used to kill a Pakistani diplomat. (AP)

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KEY TO MY HEART: In Rome, breaking the chains of love requires a hacksaw — literally. Sweethearts in the city have adopted a new ritual as a symbol of undying love: hanging a padlock on a lamppost on the city's most ancient bridge and throwing the key into the Tiber.

Iraq Security Operation to Expand

Petraeus: Baghdad crackdown will take 'months, not weeks'

BAGHDAD | The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, said Thursday that the security operation under way in the Iraqi capital would be extended beyond the city limits to target areas that he referred to as "the Baghdad belt."

"The priority clearly is Baghdad, [but] anyone who knows about security in Baghdad knows you must also secure the 'Baghdad belts' — in other words, the areas that surround Baghdad," Petraeus told reporters at his first news conference since taking command last month.

U.S. and Iraqi troops captured eight suspected insurgents Thursday in raids north of Baghdad as part of a campaign to prevent insurgents from regrouping outside the city.

Petraeus declined to specify how long the security operation would last but said it would continue as long as necessary "to achieve its



WATCHFUL EYE: Sgt. Christopher Parks, from Washington, D.C., patrols with his unit of the 82nd Airborne Division in the Aadhimiya section of Baghdad Thursday.

desired effect."

"We are still in the early days of this endeavor — an endeavor that will take months, not weeks, to fully implement," Petraeus said.

He also said he had not decided whether to ask for additional troops beyond the 21,500 combat forces already earmarked for Baghdad. The last of the reinforcements are due in early June, he said.

The New York Times reported that the operational commander, Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, recommended that the extra troops remain here until February 2008. Odierno said the extra troops are needed to allow time to win over the Iraqi populace.

"We're some months from saying, 'OK, let's continue at this level,' or determine what else we might do," Petraeus said. He said he had asked Odierno "to lay out options because it's something we want to consider early before it's staring us in the face."

Despite the general's cautious tone, Baghdad was relatively quiet Thursday. Police reported finding 10 bodies with signs of torture — presumably victims of Sunni-Shiite reprisal killings. That figure was well down from the 40 to 50 bodies found each day before the security operation began. **LAUREN FRAYER (AP)**

In Brief



Palestinians wait for a chance to cross the Gaza border into Egypt Thursday.

RAFAH, GAZA STRIP Palestinians Rush Crossing To Egypt After Rare Opening

Palestinian border guards wielding clubs and firing toward the ground pushed back hundreds of Palestinian travelers who surged toward a Gaza-Egypt border terminal Thursday during a rare opening of the coastal strip's only gateway to the world. Seven Palestinians were hurt, including two by gunfire, and passenger traffic into Egypt was halted by midmorning because of the chaos. **(AP)**

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND Hard-Liners Appear to Win Gains in Early Vote Results

Hard-liners dominated the early returns Thursday from an election to decide who will control the Northern Ireland Assembly — and hold the key to revived power-sharing in this British territory. The Protestants of the Democratic Unionists and the Catholics of Sinn Fein appeared on course to strengthen their hold in the assembly. Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and the Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley and his deputy, Peter Robinson, were among the first to win easy re-election. **(AP)**

ISTANBUL, TURKEY College Students Ask Court To Reconsider YouTube Ban

Four college students asked a court Thursday to revoke the ban it imposed on YouTube for running videos that prosecutors said insulted the founder of modern Turkey. The group condemned the videos in question but said blocking access to the Web site violated their rights to free speech, the private Turkish news agency Dogan reported. **(AP)**

EU Nations Set Energy Policy Goals

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | European Union leaders have agreed to make targets for renewable energy binding, but will leave the issue of how to achieve that to a later date, Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt said Thursday as leaders met to discuss Europe's energy issues.

Irish Finance Minister Brian Cowen said the leaders agreed on a collective 20 percent renewables target by 2020. Some nations voiced objections to a binding 20 percent renewables target, in an effort to include nuclear power as an alternative low-carbon source. **(AP)**

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AMID WORLDWIDE CELEBRATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

China Hits U.S. on Iraq After Rights Report

BEIJING | China on Thursday accused the U.S. of trampling on Iraq's sovereignty, saying Washington was using its campaign against terrorism as an excuse to torture people around the world and violate the rights of its own citizens.

The charges came in a report titled the "Human Rights Record of the United States in 2006," China's response to U.S. criticism of Beijing's human rights record in a report Tuesday by the State Department.

"As in previous years, the State Department pointed the finger at human rights conditions in more

than 190 countries and regions, including China, but avoided touching on the human rights situation in the United States," the Chinese report said.

At a news conference, Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang called China's report a "mirror" to "let the Americans see their own human rights condition."

The report, the eighth year China has answered the State Department's annual report on human rights around the world, was released by the State Council, China's cabinet, through the Xinhua News Agency. **SCOTT McDONALD (AP)**

World



People pass an election poster for the United Russia party in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Tuesday. Voters will choose representatives for 14 regional legislatures.

Vote to Pave Way For Putin's Exit

Tightly controlled Russian regional polls mark key political turn

MOSCOW | Regional elections on Sunday from St. Petersburg to Siberia sound the start for what promises to be a year of choreographed ballots, the product of a persistent Kremlin campaign to control the political process and ensure a smooth succession when President Vladimir Putin steps down.

Barred by the constitution from seeking a third straight term in March 2008, Putin has hinted he will choose a favored successor and continue to wield influence.

With the stakes so high, Putin evidently wants to leave little to chance: the system in place for regional elections, and national parliamentary balloting that will follow in December, has been shaped by the Kremlin in years of efforts its critics say have stifled pluralism and rolled back democracy.

In Sunday's elections, two mainstream parties are competing for seats in 14 Russian regional legislatures, with a handful of smaller groups filling out the ballots.

It may sound like an ordinary exercise in democracy, but here are some of key ingredients: restrictive electoral legislation Putin said was

needed after terrorist attacks in 2003; a tight government grip on television; and bureaucratic booby-traps to trip up opponents.

Just Russia, the new party created last year through a merger, is at the heart of the Kremlin's strategy to control the political landscape. It is led by the speaker of parliament's upper house, Sergei Mironov, who showed loyalty to Putin in 2004 by running against him in what he called a gesture of support.

Mironov's role this time around is similar but somewhat more complex. His party is apparently meant to boost the legitimacy of the elections by turning them into a two-way race between his bloc and United Russia, the Kremlin-controlled party that dominates parliament.

While there are signs of genuine competition between Just Russia and United Russia in the regional campaign, analysts stress that the main ideology for both is support for Putin and that both are likely to support a single Kremlin-backed candidate in the presidential vote.

Those in power "are doing everything they can to stay in power for the next 10 to 15 years without sufficient support from the voters," said Nikita Belykh, leader of the liberal Union of Right Forces party.

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Money

Shelling It Out for Shut-Eye

High-end beds enter luxury market with prices near \$50,000

CHICAGO | Can you put a price on a good night's rest?

Betting weary-but-wealthy baby boomers are willing to do just that, mattress companies are fluffing up their selections of ultra-luxe beds that retail for more than the cost of cars, college tuition and parcels of land.

With a heart-stopping price tag approaching \$50,000 — \$49,500 to be exact, although the price will climb to \$59,750 in April — the Vividus bed launched last year by the Swedish manufacturer Hastens is among the most expensive sold in the U.S.



Mary Pat Wallace of Hastens' Chicago jumps on the Vividus ultra-luxe bed.

But the Vividus is just the latest bed to target a growing consumer appetite for high-end beds. Since 2000, the market value of the wholesale mattress industry has increased

nearly 40 percent, climbing to \$6.4 billion in 2005, according to the trade group International Sleep Products Association.

But it's the luxury market that's behind much of the trend. Premium-priced mattresses — those costing more than \$1,000 — were 21 percent of sales in 2005, the latest data available, up from 14 percent in 2000.

Trade publication Furniture Today says the figure may be even higher. According to the magazine's survey of shoppers, about 56 percent of dollars spent on bedding went for products that cost more than \$1,000.

Meanwhile, the average cost of a queen-size bed has grown to about \$700, up from \$600 five years ago, experts said. ASHLEY M. HEHER (AP)

Gates Tops Forbes' Billionaires List

NEW YORK | What could a Chinese dumpling maker and Mexican telecom mogul possibly have in common? They're among a record number of wealthy people who held the title of billionaire over the past year.

The tally of billionaires around the globe reached a high of 946, their combined wealth growing 35 percent to \$3.5 trillion, according

to Forbes magazine's 2007 rankings of the world's richest people.

Leading the list are two men who manage to keep getting richer as they give more and more money away to charities. Microsoft founder



Gates

Bill Gates ranked No. 1 for the 13th straight year, beating out friend and fellow philanthropist Warren Buffett, chairman of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Gates's fortune rose \$6 billion to \$56 billion last year, while Buffett garnered an additional \$10 billion to boost his net worth to \$52 billion.

Only five Americans ranked in the top 20, though they account for 44 percent of the overall list. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NY&Co	15.43	+2.11	+15.8
HuttigBld	6.87	+.64	+10.3
BeldenCDT	52.66	+4.64	+9.7
MensW	47.36	+4.06	+9.4
RehabCG	15.70	+1.12	+7.7

Losers

NwCentFn	3.87	-1.29	-25.0
AVngrdwi	15.21	-1.89	-11.1
WestPhm	42.32	-3.78	-8.2
FleetEn	7.97	-.67	-7.8
ProQuestIf	9.88	-.75	-7.1

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
LaJollPh	4.13	+.97	+30.7
Firstwv	3.25	+.65	+25.0
DGSE	2.95	+.57	+23.9
GrillCon	7.80	+1.33	+20.6
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Losers

HollisEden	2.90	-1.38	-32.2
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Omtol	2.59	-.36	-12.2
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Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.94	4.98
2-year	4.54	4.54
10-year	4.50	4.51
30-year	4.65	4.65

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5183	.5171	.5758
Canadian Dollar	1.1807	1.1781	1.1567
European Euro	.7613	.7586	.8391
Japanese Yen	117.14	116.36	117.89
Mexican Peso	11.1712	11.1593	10.7515
Taiwanese Dollar	32.94	32.98	32.48

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	53.40	+.71	+9.6
Allergan	108.10	+.80	-9.7
AstraZen	56.13	+.67	+4.8
BarrPhm	49.17	-.27	-1.9
BrMySq	27.16	+.04	+4.3
ForestLab	51.73	+.51	+2.2
Hospira	40.21	+.31	+19.7
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No Delay for Cherry Trees

National Park Service predicts blossoms will arrive during festival

WASHINGTON | After an unusually warm December rattled the nerves of anyone eagerly anticipating the city's grand ushering in of spring, the National Park Service predicts the cherry blossoms will, in fact, bloom on time — during the two-week National Cherry Blossom Festival.

A majority of the 3,700 trees lining the Tidal Basin will be in bloom from April 1-7 "barring the advent of an ice age or rapid acceleration of global warming," Robert DeFeo, the park service's chief horticulturist, said Thursday.

Winter temperatures that climbed into the 70s sparked concern the trees would bloom prematurely, with none of the pink and white blossoms left for the annual festival that brings 1 million visitors and \$150 million in tourism money to the city.



Nobu Yamazaki, left, and Masaya Kitayama carve designs into bamboo leaves Thursday, demonstrating activities that will be at the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

"I was a little nervous, too, but, fortunately for all of us, the cherry trees, I'd say, are the most reliable living species in our nation's capital," DeFeo said.

Some cherry trees did bloom in December, but they weren't the Yoshino variety given to the United

States by Japan in 1912, which are dominant along the Tidal Basin.

DeFeo said his predictions, which have been fairly accurate in past years, come from a combination of weather forecasts and close observation of the trees and their buds. LUBNA TAKRURI (AP)

City Settles With Reporter's Family

Washington to form group to investigate emergency response

WASHINGTON | Mayor Adrian Fenty said Thursday the city has settled a \$20 million suit filed by the family of a New York Times reporter whose death raised serious questions about the city's emergency response.

David Rosenbaum, 63, was

attacked with a heavy plastic pipe during a mugging in January 2006. But emergency workers initially believed he was drunk and didn't try to determine whether he was injured, according to a city report. Once he arrived at the hospital, nurses incorrectly classified him as intoxicated and failed to regularly check his vital signs.

The settlement requires the District to create a task force to investi-

gate the city's emergency response, among other requirements, Fenty and the family said.

The task force must finish its investigation within six months and recommend ways to improve emergency medical services, the mayor's office said. LUBNA TAKRURI (AP)

Money isn't an issue: Family will not receive pay, but can reopen suit if reforms not made. | *Today's Post*, *Metro*

The Lotteries

Thursday, March 8

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-5-6
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	2-5-4
Mid-day DC 4	0-2-0-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	6-4-3-1
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	6-15-16-27-34
Daily 6 (Wed.)	5-22-24-27-35-39 (32)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	6-7-17-24-33 (11)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	3-8-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-4-2
Mid-day Pick 4	8-4-6-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-4-8-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	19-20-27-37-38 (34)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	10-15-18-28-32-33

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3	8-5-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-2-5
Mid-day Pick 4	0-5-5-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-1-3-2

Mid-day Cash 5	8-22-23-25-26
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	14-18-21-22-32
Win For Life (Wed.)	7-14-20-21-30-33 (6)

MULTI-STATE GAMES

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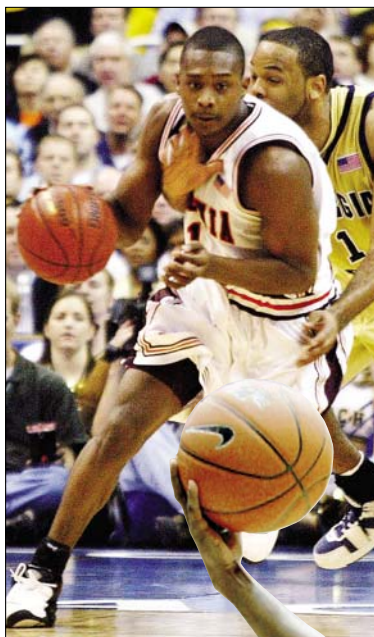


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**WIZARDS**

Hot Shot: DeShawn Stevenson may be known as a top defender, but he's shown he can produce big numbers when called on to score. | 13

Sports Weekend



Georgetown's Jeff Green, Va. Tech's Zabian Dowdell and Virginia's J.R. Reynolds will be dancing this March.

playmakers in the backcourt."

Maryland

Just when all appeared lost, seniors D.J. Strawberry and Mike Jones decided they'd rather not play in the NIT three straight years. Seven straight wins to close out the regular season took the Terrapins (25-7) off the bubble and made them a strong tournament contender. Early Thursday, Lunardi dared to say, "If they win the ACC tournament, they could be a No. 2." A loss to Miami in the first round ended those dreams, but don't expect the Terps to fall below a No. 5 seed. "They are a really good team," Gottlieb said.

Virginia

If a strong backcourt is the key to NCAA tournament success, as many believe, look no further than the upstart Cavaliers. Led by ACC coach of the year Dave Leitao, Virginia (20-9) came out of nowhere to share the league title with North Carolina. J.R. Reynolds and Sean Singletary have played together three years — and it shows. Still, Virginia's struggles on the road will cost them. "Both Virginia schools strike me in the 5,6 range," Lunardi said, referring to Virginia Tech, as well.

Virginia Tech

The Hokies "are the most Jekyll and Hyde team in basketball," Gottlieb said. Virginia Tech's play backs up Gottlieb's point. The Hokies (20-10) own two wins over North Carolina and another against Duke, they also have taken some bad losses — including a 25-point blowout to N.C. State. No offense to all-league selection Zabian Dowdell, but no one seems to know which Tech team will show up. "I won't be circling them too many times on my bracket," Lunardi said.

D.J. Strawberry and the Terps may have seen their standing slip following Thursday's loss to the Miami.

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Numbers Game

The area's best are in Big Dance — but which seeds will they draw?

CRYSTAL BALL | For area fans, Sunday's suspense is not where their team's name will be called during the NCAA tournament selection show. Rather, what seeds the squads receive will provide all the drama.

And while Georgetown, Maryland, Virginia and Virginia Tech should be feeling pretty good about themselves based on their success in the Big East and ACC, respectively, the view from afar may not be as rosy.

Seeking a clearer view, Express posed questions to ESPN college basketball experts Joe Lunardi and Doug Gottlieb about where the area's four best teams stand in terms of

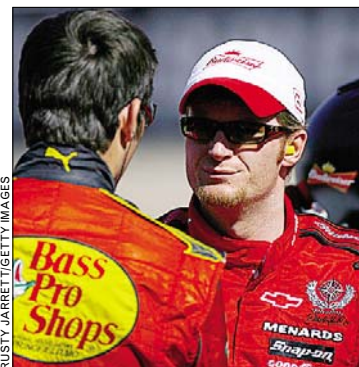
Selection Sunday (6 p.m. on CBS.)
MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

Georgetown

It's easy to be wowed by the Hoyas' late-season success. Led by Big East Player of the Year Jeff Green and all-league center Roy Hibbert, Georgetown (27-6) won 12 of its last 13 games to win the league. Bracketology expert Lunardi even has the Hoyas as the No. 2 seed currently — but he and Gottlieb don't seem convinced just yet. Lunardi says Georgetown is the weakest of his No. 2 seeds and needs to win the league tournament to remain there. Gottlieb says winning the Big East isn't what it used to be: "This is as bad as the Big East is going to be," and he said Georgetown "doesn't have the



TV Lineup



Dal Earnhardt Jr. is looking to shake off a slow start in Sunday's race in Vegas.

→ DALE JR. — WHERE ARE YOU?

The No. 8 car has done poorly so far in 2007, and Dale Earnhardt Jr. will look for his first win of the season on Sunday (4 p.m. on FOX) at the UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400 at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

→ WEEKEND WARRIORS:

After a tough loss to the Hawks on Wednesday night, the Wizards look to bounce back against two good Eastern Conference foes. On Saturday (7 p.m. on CSN), they host the New York Knicks, then quickly hop a plane to sunny Miami to battle Shaq and the Heat (6 p.m. on CSN).

→ SLUMP BUSTERS:

Alexander Semin and the Capitals — losers of five straight — hope to end that streak and start a winning one, first playing Carolina on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN), then

visiting the New York Islanders on Sunday (7 p.m. on CW).

→ LOCALS RSVP:

Many area teams are looking to shore up automatic NCAA bids this weekend by winning their conference tournaments. If the locals make it to the finals, GW will try to win the A-10 crown Saturday (6 p.m. on ESPN) followed by Georgetown looking to be Big East regular season and tourney champs (9 p.m. on ESPN). On Sunday, Virginia Tech and Virginia have hopes of being crowned the ACC's best (1 p.m. on ESPN).



WEIGHT WATCHERS | Really Big Brother Shaquille O'Neal will be taking a shot at a TV reality show focused on childhood obesity and health. The series, which will be shown later this year on ABC, will feature the NBA All-Star, who plays for the Miami Heat, and his effort to help Florida schoolchildren lose weight, the network announced this week. Airdates for the six-episode series, yet to be titled, haven't been set. The show is an adaptation of the British series "Ian Wright's Unfit Kids," which featured the former soccer star. (AP)

Terrapins' Second Sight

Defending champions are likely to start from same spot as last year

TERPS WOMEN'S HOOPS | A year ago, the Maryland Terrapins gathered on Selection Monday and waited for what they knew was coming: a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Except it didn't come.

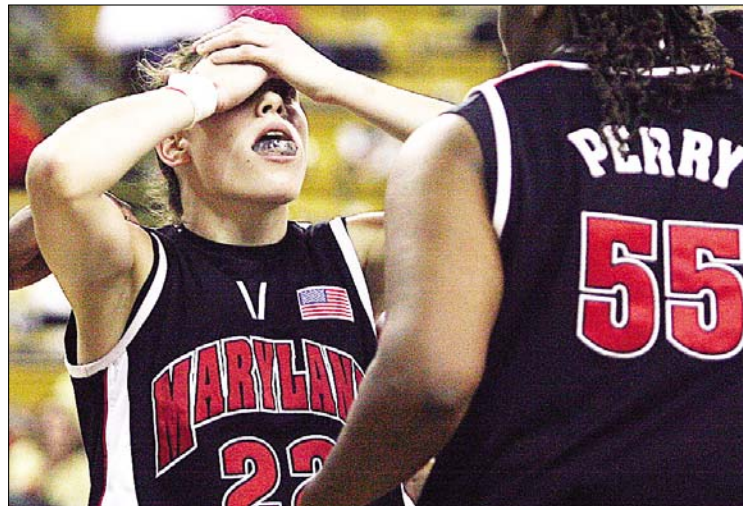
Despite the fact that the Terrapins had proven their worth by upsetting some of the nation's best teams, the selection committee granted them only a No. 2 seed. And to make matters worse, Maryland was put in the same region as

defending national champion Baylor and forced to play its regional games in Albuquerque, N.M.

So, they did what teams do when they need motivation. They took it as an insult, a sign that the decision-makers gave them no respect.

Then they went out and won the national championship, defeating Baylor, North Carolina and Duke along the way.

The No. 7 Maryland Terrapins (27-5) will gather again on Monday, glued to a big-screen television at the Comcast Center, awaiting their tournament fate. Saturday's loss to North Carolina in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference



Shay Doron and Maryland have struggled against the ACC's best teams this year.

tournament meant Maryland essentially surrendered any claim to a No. 1 seed and could fall as low as a No. 3 seed.

"If we had to lose today to win another national championship, then that's going to be worth everything to me," senior guard Shay Doron said. "Any loss, all of the losses we had this year, all of the losses we've had since I've been at Maryland, a national championship makes everything better."

But the Terrapins have been unable to re-create last March's magic, going a combined 0-4 against No. 1 Duke and No. 3 North Carolina. That could hurt them in the eyes of the NCAA selection committee.

Now, Doron and the Terrapins must go about re-establishing themselves as national championship contenders. **DEREK TURNER**

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Even Stevenson

Wizards guard keeps his cool regardless of what's asked of him

WIZARDS | He slashes to the basket, tweezes opponents and can even uncork a little offense.

Like a Swiss Army knife with a jump shot, DeShawn Stevenson has brought a little bit of everything to the Wizards this season.

Most nights it's his constant hounding of the opposition's best perimeter scorer. But during a recent stretch, it was his ability to shine on the offensive end.

With Antawn Jamison and Caron Butler sidelined with various ailments, Stevenson momentarily became Washington's second option on offense. He took to the role, scoring 19 or more points four times in a six-game stretch at the end of February.

"He's done it within the framework of the offense and driving to the basket in the open floor," Wizards head coach Eddie Jordan said. "We're proud of the fact that

he and [Gilbert Arenas] adjusted their role. They had a disciplined aggression about themselves."

But it's aggression on the defensive end that brought Stevenson to Washington. After turning down a three-year, \$10 million contract with Orlando, Stevenson found himself short on big money options. He signed a two-year minimum deal with the Wizards in hopes of playing himself into a better situation.

It's a bonus when "Mr. Fifty" — Stevenson's self-proclaimed nickname that both honors his shooting percentage and ribs Arenas — has a big scoring night. But in most games, it's just as important that he play solid defense against the opposition's best guard and get his shots where he can.

Guard DeShawn Stevenson isn't known as "Mr. Fifty" for nothing.



MITCHELL LAYTON/GETTY IMAGES

"With Antawn and Caron coming back, the big three, [scoring is] what they do," Stevenson said. "I don't want to step on anybody's toes. When I first came here, it was for defense. There's a time and place [for me to score], and I'm comfortable with that role."

Known for his durability, Stevenson has started every game for the first-place Wizards (34-26), averaging 10.4 points. He's also made 49 percent of his field goal attempts and nearly 45 percent of his 3-pointers.

"I hope he continues to make shots, shoot at 50 percent ... just so he can have something to go back at Gil when they argue," Jordan said. "I think he feels very good about the way things went. ... He knows he's going to allow Caron and Antawn their space and time on the floor to do their thing."

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

For Redskins, Same Old Story

HERE'S THE STORY of the Redskins: They let a star player leave and then they bring in a high-priced replacement who two or three years later is unceremoniously dumped for the next prize.

It's a vicious cycle — and one Shawn Springs knows all too well.

Remember when he was brought to Washington soon after Joe Gibbs and Dan Snyder decided Champ Bailey was replaceable? Springs did his job well, providing the Redskins with a shutdown cornerback until injuries kept him off the field more than he was on it.

Now — even as Gibbs keeps saying he's counting on Springs — the Redskins have already signed

There's a cut coming Springs' way. But he shouldn't take it personally.

Caps' Deep Freeze

Washington turns ice cold following a flurry of trades and injuries

CAPITALS | The stretch run of the Washington Capitals' 2006-07 season is shaping up to be a sporting trail of tears. Losers of five straight and 14 of their past 17, the depleted Caps (24-31-12) simply are trying to stay afloat as minor leaguers cycle through and lines change period to period.

It's a long way from last year, when the club appeared to turn the corner with 15 games remaining. That team was eight points behind this year's pace, but finished the season 7-4-4, which captain Chris Clark said "carried over huge for us." Replicating that run may be impossible.



Brian Sutherby and the Capitals seem short-handed lately, losing 14 of 17 games.

With veterans like Dainius Zubrus and Jamie Heward traded away and the injury bug biting nearly every time the Caps take the ice, it has been difficult simply to stay competitive. After losing two straight shootouts last week, they've been outscored, 9-2,

in the past two games.

"Obviously, we're missing some guys, but at the same time, it certainly gives other guys the chance to play. I guess that's the way you've got to look at it," said center Brian Sutherby, who has four goals in the last eight

contests. "I don't want to look at it and say we're overmatched."

Clark is on the verge of returning from a shoulder injury, and goaltender Olie Kolzig (knee) already has missed three weeks. Important defensive forwards Boyd Gordon (knee) and Matt Pettinger (broken thumb) also have missed time.

With those liabilities and inconsistent contributions from the streaky Alex Ovechkin and slumping Alexander Semin (four goals in 17 games) the Caps face a forbidding schedule.

Including Friday's game against Stanley Cup champ Carolina (33-28-7), Washington plays nine of 15 on the road and 11 against teams in the Eastern Conference's top eight.

"If you go back [to last season] and look at the statistics in the last 15 games or so, I think in most of them there were more than 40 shots and we got stellar goaltending [from Kolzig]," coach Glen Hanlon said. "We were fairly fortunate to be healthy."

BRIAN STRAUS

Fred Smoot for \$25 million to be a third cornerback and are trying desperately to pry Dre Bly away from Denver.

It doesn't take a genius to see what's happening here. There's a cut coming Springs' way. But he shouldn't take it personally, and, no, not because football is a business.

Rather, this is the business the Redskins are in. Just ask LaVar Arrington, who was paid millions of dollars to leave the city he loved.

By ignoring the draft, a slash-and-burn culture surrounds Redskins Park. Few young players develop in the team's system du jour, so Snyder's money is thrown on the problems.

Apparently, Springs is now a problem that will soon be remedied. It is easier to cut a player than admit your entire philosophy is wrong.

Don't worry, Shawn — you're in good company.



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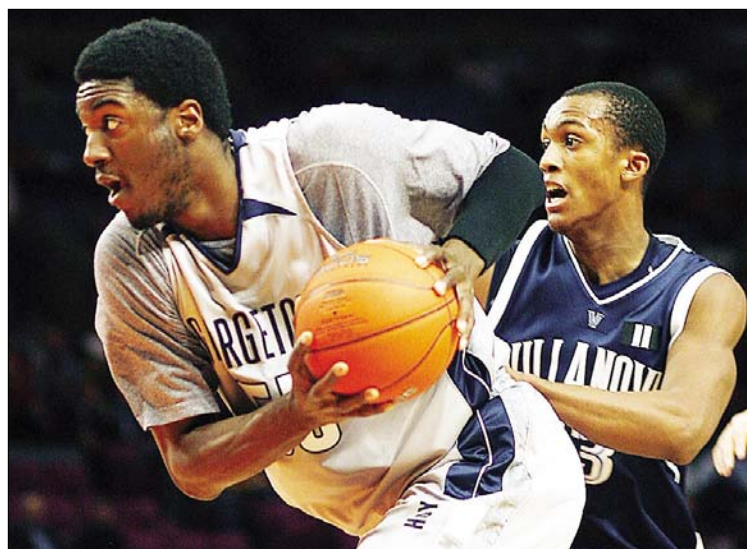
Hoyas Hang on for Victory

After a strong first half, Georgetown squeaks past Villanova, 62-57

HOYAS HOOPS | After breezing through the first half, the Georgetown Hoyas weren't expecting to sweat it out against Villanova in the last few minutes.

"I'm glad our guys held on," Georgetown coach John Thompson III said. "It was coming too easily. We just had to refocus."

Roy Hibbert scored eight of his 14 points in No. 9 Georgetown's opening 26-2 run, and the Hoyas held on for a 62-57 victory Thursday over ninth-seeded Villanova in the quarterfinals of the Big East



ON THE MOVE: Hoyas center Roy Hibbert blows by Villanova's Dante Cunningham in the Big East tournament Thursday. Georgetown plays Notre Dame in Friday's semis.

tournament.

A rested Georgetown (24-6), the tournament's top seed, came out shooting, and a weary-looking Villanova couldn't find the basket early. The Wildcats (22-10) made a game of it in the closing minutes, but the huge first-half deficit was too much to overcome.

"I don't think we did anything wrong at the start of the game or throughout the game, really," Villanova forward Curtis Sumpter said. "We just had a couple of bad possessions, and Georgetown just took advantage of them."

Jeff Green, the Big East player of the year, had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Hoyas, who shot 42.6 percent (23-of-54) and advanced to Friday's semifinal game against Notre Dame. Georgetown has also won 13 of its last 14 games.

DENNIS WASZAK JR. (AP)

Maryland Shocked By Miami

Terrapins lose to the Hurricanes in the first round of ACC tourney

TERPS HOOPS | For at least one day, Miami's troubled season was forgotten.

Jack McClinton scored 17 points, Brian Asbury added 12 and the undermanned Hurricanes upset No. 17 Maryland 67-62 in the opening round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament Thursday.

The Hurricanes may have been short a few bodies — they dressed eight scholarship players because of injuries and a suspension — but they outthusted and outworked the Terrapins for their fourth win in the last 14 games.

The 12th-seeded Hurricanes almost squandered a 15-point lead in the second half, but McClinton and Asbury combined to make five consecutive free throws in the final 34 seconds to snap the Terrapins' seven-game winning streak. (AP)

Redskins Add Tucker to O-Line

REDSKINS | The Washington Redskins added depth to the offensive line Thursday by signing free agent Ross Tucker, who returns six years after making the team as an

undrafted rookie.

Tucker, one of the few NFL players from Princeton, played three games with the Redskins in 2001 and has since played for Dallas, Buffalo and New England. He started seven games with the Cowboys and 17 with the Bills.

He sat out the 2006 season. (AP)

Ravens Replace Lewis With McGahee

RAVENS | Running back Willis McGahee was traded to the Baltimore Ravens by Buffalo for three draft choices Thursday, a day after Jamal Lewis signed with Cleveland.

The Bills will get third- and seventh-round picks this year and a

third next year.

McGahee, with whom the Bills had become dissatisfied, had one year left on his five-year contract with Buffalo. He will be the Ravens' No. 1 running back, ahead of Mike Anderson and Musa Smith. (AP)

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OUR MUSCLES LOOK PAINTED ON: "300" is based on a comic book, and the film looks like one — sometimes to its detriment.

Clockwork Red

'300' revels in bloody scenery and a bit of that old ultra-violence

FILM | The hyper-brutal action extravaganza "300" is based on Frank Miller's graphic novel, but did it have to be so cartoonish?

Director/co-writer Zack Snyder (the "Dawn of the Dead" remake) painstakingly re-created the comic-book panels by placing actors in front of virtual back-

grounds, similar to the technique used in the superior film version of Miller's "Sin City" in 2005. Clearly, he's not aiming to reflect reality on any level. But Snyder's depiction of the ancient Battle of Thermopylae, in which 300 Spartans fought off a much larger Persian army, is so over the top it's laughable — so self-serious, it's hard to take seriously.

The effects are extremely cool at first; with the help of cinematographer Larry Fong, visual effects supervisor Chris Watts and

a team of many others, Snyder has very much created a unique world — dark, dramatic and visually gripping, with increasingly imaginative foes along the way. But the gimmick wears off quickly and ultimately becomes overbearing; Tyler Bates' pounding score and the profuse use of voiceover certainly don't help.

Gerard Butler, who's buffed up significantly since starring in the corny film version of "The Phantom of the Opera," comes off as a poor man's Mel Gibson in "Brave-

heart." As King Leonidas, he leads his meager but muscular troops into battle with repeated roars of "This is where we fight! This is where we die!" and such, ad nauseam.

Leonidas has trained his entire life for this fight, as we see in the film's beginning, where he's taken from his family as a boy and taught to survive in the wild in a pure, driven, almost animalistic manner. By the time we reach 480 B.C., he rules Sparta alongside the beautiful Queen Gorgo (Lena Headey).

Once the Persian army threatens to overtake Sparta, led by the megalomaniacal Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro), Leonidas must assemble his men into action.

Despite their comparatively small numbers, the Spartans are a model of unity and organization. That stuff about duty and honor and dying a beautiful death — they buy into all of it. What they lack in size they make up for in solidarity, so when the sky turns dark with a storm of Persian arrows, they're ready for it, having turned their shields into a wall of unbroken metal.

The violence is inventive, almost balletic in the way it's dragged out and sped up to emphasize its rhythms. Spears pierce the thick, brownish-gray haze, blood splatters, an arm or a leg goes flying — all visceral, intense stuff. After a while, though, you can only see so many slo-mo beheadings.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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It's Some Kind of Wonderful

'Starter for 10' brings British wit to the '80s teen comedy genre

FILM | Hilarious and sweet, "Starter for 10" is a 1980s coming-of-age comedy that's a solid successor to John Hughes' "Sixteen Candles." But it's filtered through a specifically British prism, with its dry, observant wit and its absurd yet sympathetic characters.

The well-established formula is definitely in place here — guy meets two different girls and falls for one,

though the other is clearly a better fit. But director Tom Vaughan and writer David Nicholls add a touch of social commentary and celebrate a thirst for knowledge, which gives "Starter for 10" more brains and heft than most films of its ilk.

James McAvoy is a likable everyman and an easy guy to root for as the awkward Brian Jackson, who leaves his mum (Catherine Tate) and his working-class mates on the Essex coast to attend Bristol University. Brian arrives on campus and immediately feels out of his element (his hard-partying



IF YOU'RE GONNA DO IT, DO IT RIGHT: "Starter for 10" doesn't trivialize the '80s.

housemates are dressed in drag for a "Tarts and Vicars" party). But in time he finds out who he is, and who he doesn't want to be, through his relationships with a seductive, wealthy blonde (Alice Eve) and a sarcastic, politically active brunette (Rebecca Hall). Guess which one he's supposed to end up with?

The movie also features an excellent '80s soundtrack. It's another example of how "Starter for 10" never makes fun of the era, but rather embraces the time and gets the tone just right.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

See Bass Run

'The Host' is a funny, smart & suspenseful classic monster movie

FILM | An update of the classic Asian monster movies of yore, "The Host" boasts a wicked sense of humor and vastly improved special effects. (Not once do you see a zipper up the back of a rubber suit.)

Korean writer-director Bong Joon-ho has crafted a film that just kicks butt from start to finish, even though its anti-American sentiment feels a bit half-baked.

Reminiscent of another recent smart, sly horror movie, 2004's "Shaun of the Dead," "The Host" begins with a dry, frequently absurd comic sensibility, but steadily grows darker and is truly thrilling.

Pollution in Seoul's Han River (caused by a thoughtless American scientist, naturally) gives birth to a freakishly large, angry, mutant fish that's a marvel to behold. It swings gracefully from bridges, leaps from the water to lash people with its long tail and frequently just hops up on shore and runs after its prey.

One of the victims it picks up and scampers off with is teenage schoolgirl Hyun-seo (Ko A-sung), which forces her slacker dad, Gang-du (Song Kang-ho), and the rest of her dysfunctional family to spring into action to rescue her.

Hyun-seo's aunt, Nam-joo (Bae



FISH MONGREL: "The Host" features one of the coolest movie monsters ever.

Doo-na), is a competitive archer with a propensity for choking at the most crucial moments. Her uncle, Nam-il (Park Hae-il), has a college degree but no job. And family patriarch Heui-bong (Byeon Heui-bong) runs a food stand on the banks of the river, where Gang-du works but mostly snoozes. They're a Korean version of the "Little Miss Sunshine" clan, complete with a minivan, which would seem annoyingly trite if it weren't so curiously charming in itself.

Meanwhile, a hysteria is spreading across the region because any-

one who came into contact with the monster is carrying a deadly virus. The government borrows a U.S. military device for cleansing the area: the mysterious Agent Yellow, which causes nothing but paranoia and panic. Basically, everything American in the film causes paranoia and panic, a political concept Bong broaches but never fleshes out. But the director does know how to create a suspenseful mood and he doesn't go for the easy ending. And that's anti-American too, in the best possible way.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

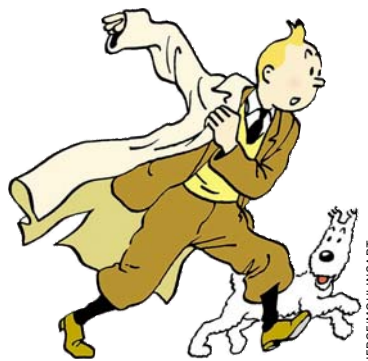
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Belgian Ails No More

Steven Spielberg has signed on to make a new Tintin movie

OU!! | The intrepid Belgian reporter Tintin will be turned into at least one Hollywood movie by no less than Steven Spielberg's DreamWorks company.

"After 25 years, they finally said 'OK, let's go,'" Nick Rodwell, head of Moulinsart NV, said of the protracted talks with Spielberg since the



C'EST MAGNIFIQUE! Tintin and his tuft of hair will be hitting the silver screen.

early 1980s. He said the Hollywood company will go into preproduction for a movie, which should appear in theaters in about two years.

Tintin books have sold 220 million copies worldwide and have been translated into 77 languages, and Tintin movies have been made in other parts of the world, but this will be the first time for Hollywood.

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in town. Doors open at 8 p.m., and admission is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

We don't really know much about **CLUB CRYSTAL** in Hyattsville at 1401 University Blvd., other than that stretch of University Boulevard is dotted with several small spots that host serious dancehall events for the large West Indian population of that area. Tonight Club Crystal is the location for a show by **MR. VEGAS**, whom we do know from several monster dancehall hits that shouldn't leave any reggae DJ's crate, including "Heads High" and "Pull Up." Doors open at 10 p.m., but per dancehall standard procedure, you probably won't see the big star until a few hours later. For more info, call 240-426-5741.

SATURDAY

The first installment of **INFAMY** at the **9:30 CLUB** in January was such a hit that its founders are upping the ante. A collaboration between the founders of Bliss, a monthly indie/electro party at the Black Cat, and



Flogging Molly is one of the headlining acts at this year's gigantic Shamrock Fest.

Taint, a monthly gay indie/electro party at DC9, Infamy's return includes a performance by the danceable **SOFT COMPLEX**, which takes its hints from synth-heavy new wave bands. The party also features DJ Will Eastman and a screening of "Las Historias Mas

Mas Sexy del Mundo," a short film by local director Eric Cheevers that features appearances by the Raveonettes, Ian Svenonius and infomercial pitchman Matt Lesko. Doors open at 11 p.m.

The **SHAMROCK FEST** has grown from a small St. Patrick's Day block

party to a massive festival that swallowed most of Ballston with a mix of live music, carnival games and long lines at beer trucks. After complaints that the gathering was growing too big, organizers have moved it out to **RFK STADIUM** this year, with 40 acts on nine stages and 101 kegs of green beer. The key difference here is that the festival features tons of local bands from the Northern Virginia and Dewey party circuit, such as Mr. Greenegens, the Kelly Bell Band and JunkFood, plus a couple of national-level headliners in the Connells and Flogging Molly, and even an appearance by Nicole Richie's ex, DJ AM. There will also be tents for watching NCAA games. Tickets are \$20 for general admission or \$109 for VIP passes. (The latter include exclusive stages, private restrooms and, most importantly, all your beer for the day.) Proceeds benefit Stop Child Abuse Now.

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This film follows the resolute efforts of 18th-century British politician William Wilberforce (loan Gruffudd) to persuade Parliament to pass a bill renouncing slavery. Unfortunately, this movie is about as bloodless and matter-of-fact as the above description. (DT)

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG, 105 minutes) Billy Bob Thornton plays Charles Farmer, an aspiring astronaut who had to jettison his career because of a family crisis. But in the years since, he has been running a farm, rather ineptly, in Texas and dreaming of making it into space. As for the rocket, well, who needs Houston? He has been building one in the barn. Sure, it's the corniest of conceits, but "Astronaut" taps delightfully into one of our deepest cultural values: the one about the pursuit of happiness. (DT)

AVENUE MONTAIGNE (R, 100 minutes) This delicately charming fable set in Paris offers the kind of experience we secretly crave when we visit any great city: meaningful encounters with its people. At the center is Jessica (an impishly radiant Cécile De France), a sweethearted gamin from the provinces who has just arrived in the capital. To this country girl, Paris is the city of luxury, a picture-postcard world of hotels, expensive restaurants and fine living. This vicarious sojourn in Paris leaves us with souvenirs that few real trips could ever produce. (DT)

BABEL (R, 142 minutes) Director Alejandro González Iñárritu and writer Guillermo Arriaga tell multiple stories in multiple locations around the globe. Each tale is completely compelling on its own, yet as sophisticated a piece of filmmaking as it is, it seems hamstrung by the banality at its center. (SH)

BECKET (Unrated, 148 minutes) Thanks to the wonders of restoration, Peter O'Toole swaggers once again across the screen: a handsome, impetuous king, ruled by brash impulse and his tempestuous affection for Thomas à Becket. This 1964 production follows the volatile friendship between Henry II (O'Toole) and Becket (Richard Burton), from their early days of drinking, hunting and wenching to Becket's perilous ascension in Henry's court. It may seem like a movie of yesteryear, but its timeliness brims over with rousing, meditative discourses on the separation of church and state. (DT)



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Screwball

IF YOU'VE HEARD of "Gray Matters" at all, it's probably because of its hyped-up girl-girl kiss between Heather Graham and Bridget Moynahan. And it is hot — probably the best scene in a movie that's otherwise sitcommy, forced and forgettable. The always radiant Graham and Tom Cavanagh play sister and brother Gray and Sam, who both fall for the same woman in this homage to 1940s screwball comedies. The debut feature from writer-director Sue Kramer is crammed with quick banter, elaborate dance sequences and cutaways to the glittering Manhattan skyline. Trouble is, Kramer couldn't quite concoct the chemistry that made those movies so great, though Graham and Moynahan have a bit more than Cavanagh and Moynahan do. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R, 116 minutes) Director Craig Brewer ("Hustle & Flow") takes viewers on yet another journey through Southern music and vernacular, with Samuel L. Jackson playing an aging blues guitarist who seeks to cure a sexually compulsive girl (Christina Ricci) of her neuroses by chaining her to a radiator. That outrageous premise, combined with an often lurid visual style, makes the profane "Hustle & Flow" look like an Andy Hardy movie. But there's no denying he knows how to spin a yarn and create vivid, indelible images. (AH)

BLOOD DIAMOND (R, 125 minutes) Pounding action, pulse-quickening adventure and of-the-moment politics animate this mostly great thriller starring Leonardo DiCaprio. (AH)

BREACH (PG-13, 110 minutes) This film examines in microscopic detail the endgame of the manhunt for FBI mole Robert Hanssen, who pleaded guilty in 2001 to spying for Russia. The acting is superb, particularly from the three principals: Ryan Phillippe as O'Neill, Chris Cooper

as Hanssen and the great Laura Linney as Kate Burroughs, O'Neill's supervisor in the secret operation. (SH)

BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG, 96 minutes) This beloved children's book has not just survived but thrived in its adaptation to the screen, its delicate combination of coming-of-age angst, tragedy and fantasy handled with assurance and taste by first-time live-action director Gabor Csupo. Audiences should be prepared for a major tragedy that strikes in the third act; the film winds up being a lesson, not just in love but in loss. But mostly the former, as Jess experiences for the first time that true love means building a world together. (AH)

CHARLOTTE'S WEB (G, 98 minutes) E.B. White's children's book starring Wilbur the curly-tailed runt, his human friend, Fern and spider Charlotte has been charming kids into bed forever. Those kids and their children can rest assured that the movie shares their reverence. The performers, at times, sound as if they're

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doing a casual read-through before the actual show — but their relaxed spirit is subtly satisfying. (BT)

CHILDREN OF MEN (R, 106 minutes) This audacious, sweeping, sobering and exhilarating film stars Clive Owen as a bureaucrat in 2027 London, the last outpost of the closest thing to civilization in a world gripped by pandemic infertility

and a worldwide immigration crisis. When Owen's character, Theo, is pulled back into his activist past by his former lover, he embarks on an epic chase adventure in which the motivation is nothing less than the survival of the human race. (AH)

DAYS OF GLORY (R, 120 minutes) What happened to the men of the French Expeditionary Corps, formed in 1943 of the Algerian Infantry Division, the 2nd Moroccan Infantry Division and the 4th Moroccan Mountain Division, is the basis of this French film. These were not native Frenchmen: They lived in far lands of des-

ert and scrub vegetation until an army marched in one day a century earlier and raised a strange three-colored flag and said: This is your destiny. This movie tells their story, and, like many unit tributes from that war, it could be a better movie. But it certainly convinces you of they're heroes, and the French were lucky to have them, even if they seem not to have figured that out yet. (SH)

THE DEPARTED (R, 149 minutes) A deranged wit runs through this film, which finds Martin Scorsese up to his same old tricks of exploring an American ethnic

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subculture with frequent detours into carnage and mayhem. Scorsese plumbs the colorful depths of the Irish mob in Boston. The movie crackles right along, stopping only for Scorsese's signature bursts of explosive violence. (AH)

DREAMGIRLS (PG-13, 131 minutes) "Dreamgirls" arrives with more than its share of baggage; the hit Broadway musical, which opened in 1981, is such a cherished icon that it's taken 25 years for it to be made into a movie. But even with Jennifer Hudson's triumphant arrival and an overall fizzy mood of singing, dancing, pop nostalgia and camp, "Dreamgirls" is an uneven crowd pleaser. (AH)

GHOST RIDER (PG-13, 105 minutes) Nicolas Cage plays Johnny Blaze, a motorcycle stunt jock. He's a second-generationer, having learned the flying trade from his dad, who one day tried to fly too far and was brought low for it. But that was after Johnny inked a contract with Old Scratch, in order to save his dad from cancer. It was the devil's trick to get Johnny to sign, then take the old man via different means! In any event, years later, the devil (Peter Fonda) wants the due Johnny cheated him out of in the first place; though a fraud, the contract is still binding. What follows are a lot of loud, chaotic action sequences for an audience acculturated more to NASCAR, tractor pulls and demo derbies. (SH)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD (R, 157 minutes) The thrust of the film is Edward Wilson's (Matt Damon) journey to becoming a Central Intelligence Agency player of the '60s, but his investigation stops to wander through history, tracking what may be Edward's growth or his damnation. The movie is serious adult movie-making from director Robert De Niro, a man deeply interested in the art, craft and psychology of espionage. (SH)

HANNIBAL RISING (R, 121 minutes) This film is a prequel of sorts, about how the killer Hannibal Lecter came to be. Novelist and screenwriter Thomas Harris cobbles together a theory that blends equal parts nature and nurture. In the book, he was able to make a point that Hannibal was the scion of a warrior-rich Lithuanian aristocratic family that was sheared down by shrapnel in World War II, orphaning the child and his younger sister. Soon some scummy lads arrive, battlefield parasites who loot, torture and — after the arrival of heavy snow — eat. Hannibal (Aaron Thomas plays the child) survives; his sister, Mischa (Helena Lia Tachovska), does not. He then decides upon a life's work: They ate her, so I shall eat them!



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THE ROAD TO BORING, clichéd cinema is often paved with good intentions. "The Ultimate Gift," a product of the faith-based division of 20th Century Fox, is about a billionaire who, in dying, leaves his narcissistic grandson videotaped epistles full of life lessons as well as a challenging quest that, if completed, culminates in the aforementioned present. A highlight of "Ultimate" is Abigail "Miss Sunshine" Breslin, who plays a leukemia-stricken child of a single mom for whom the heir apparent is charged with caring. "Gift" is a pleasant, subtly religious family film that will likely edify kids while largely failing to entertain the 'rents.

TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

The movie streamlines all that, as it does much of the rest of Harris's book. It's a shame, because it results in the movie's fundamental flaw — the one-dimensionality of Hannibal. (SH)

KETTLE OF FISH (R, 93 minutes) Matthew Modine plays a commitment-skittish saxophone player in this warm-spirited romantic comedy, but the movie tends to have a squawky pitch. There's Modine, adorable and sweet as Mel, whose most meaningful relationship is with his goldfish Daphne. And there's Gina Gershon as an uptight Englishwoman who moves into Mel's New York apartment when he rents it out, then refuses to leave after he changes his mind. And there are all the good-looking sets and the perfect lighting. But as soon as the movie puts its lips to the reed, too many notes come out flat. The script follows the official structural steps of romantic comedy but doesn't always heed the most obvious one: Be original. (DT)

THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R, 121 minutes) This film concerns the flamboyant African despot Idi Amin, said to have been responsible for the murder

of 300,000 of his fellow Ugandans during the '70s. The movie uses a fictional device to get up close and personal, but Amin, representing a human extreme, is so much more interesting than his wit-ness, a young Scottish doctor. (SH)

LETTERS FROM IWO JIMA (R, 140 minutes) Clint Eastwood's film starts and stops on "Sulphur Island," where on Feb. 19, 1945, two divisions of Marines came ashore in what would be one of the bloodiest battles of the war. Like his "Flags of Our Fathers," it isn't really a history of a battle. In the last half-hour, the story, loses its way; lacking any clear-cut goals except survival, the film becomes repetitive. It's a necessary movie; too bad it's not a great movie. (SH)

LITTLE CHILDREN (R, 130 minutes) In this movie, the arrival of a convicted child molester in East Wyndam, Mass., triggers outrage throughout the community. But Ronnie the pedophile (Jackie Earle Haley) is practically one of the good guys. The film is a hugely absorbing social drama that is, by turns, excruciating, sad and sardonic. (DT)

THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R, 137 minutes)

This German movie begins in 1984, when the secret police, or Stasi, routinely bugged, tailed and intimidated its citizens. Plotted as tautly as a cop procedural but playing more like a modern allegory, this film personalizes its Orwellian world through the eyes of Gerd Wiesler (Ulrich Muehe), a frosty Stasi officer. To watch this film is not just to enjoy a fabulously constructed timepiece; it's to appreciate a deft cautionary tale. (DT)

MISS POTTER (PG, 92 minutes) In this film about children's author Beatrix Potter (Renee Zellweger), we learn about the restrictive household in which she lived and how she takes comfort in the animals she befriends, adopts and anthropomorphizes in her stories. When Beatrix falls in love with Norman Warne (Ewan McGregor), her publisher, her parents

object to the union because Norman works for a living. And it takes becoming a celebrity author for Beatrix to achieve their begrudging respect. If the movie is respectful and factually informative, it's also tightly corseted — you almost start to wonder if you've stumbled into a satire of "Masterpiece Theatre." (DT)

MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13, 100 minutes) The setup of this movie is cleverly simple. Hugh Grant, as one Alex Fletcher, is one-half of a pop group of '80s fame, the unsuccessful half. Enter cute Sophie Fisher (Drew Barrymore). She's here to water the plants, here being his apartment, while he is in turmoil with a snarky young lyricist. The issue is that Alex has been asked by a New Age pop sensation to come up with a song for her video; it

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could be his ticket back to the bigs, but he has to do it by Friday, and working with this rude kid doesn't seem to be getting anyone anywhere. So why is the girl watering the plants coming up with better lines? Soon an extremely awkward partnership is born. Yes, Sophie and Alex fall in love, and each of the performers has an undeniable adorability factor, but most of the issues are professional. I don't think the ending is up to the rest of the movie, but Grant and Barrymore are great together, and the movie has both zing and song. (SH)

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG, 108 min-

utes) Ben Stiller plays Larry Daley, a divorced dad who finds work at New York's Museum of Natural History. At night, all the stuffed animals, dioramas and mannequins come to life and run amok. The plot thickens, but the movie is mostly all about those eye-popping scenes of lions, zebras, Civil War soldiers and Sacagawea committing sundry acts of mayhem and mischief. (AH)

NORBIT (PG-13, 102 minutes) This movie, which follows the misery of the title character (Eddie Murphy), a nerd who's caught between his abusive, extremely rotund wife, Rasputia (Murphy in big mode), and his beloved childhood sweetheart, Kate (Thandie Newton), does have its moments, most of them slapstick. There certainly is something funny—on whatever primitive level—about Rasputia

speeding down a waterslide and breaking infrastructure upon her landing. And it's hard not to respond to Rasputia's flipping up a roll of tummy fat to prove to the pool attendant that she's wearing a swimsuit bottom. As Mr. Wong, Norbit's adoptive Chinese father, Murphy certainly tests the boundaries of political correctness. Even in the permissive environment of an Eddie Murphy comedy, it feels wrong and jarring. This movie isn't one of Murphy's best, a poor cousin to his other family comedies, and as Rasputia, whose catchphrase is a brassy "how you doin'?", he's surprisingly unfunny. (DT)

NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R, 98 minutes) Judi Dench plays Ms. Covett, a salty old pro teaching at an English middle school, and she noted poor Sheba Hart (Cate Blanchett), the new art teacher, back

when she came to the young teacher's rescue as misbehavior threatened to turn her class into anarchy. We watch what we think will unspool as a touching story of human weakness as told from a sympathetic viewpoint, but we soon realize that cheesy uplift is not on the menu. (SH)

THE NUMBER 23 (R, 95 minutes) Jim Carrey plays a dogcatcher named Walter Sparrow. The setting is a small California town. His wife, Agatha (Virginia Madsen), spies a red volume called "The Number 23" in a secondhand bookstore and buys it for him. Hoo-hah, then the acting really begins. It seems that the book's author is doing riffs on the strange melodies concealed within the bland confines of the number that starts with 2 and ends with 3 and has nothing in between. Somehow, the book leads Carrey's Sparrow to the

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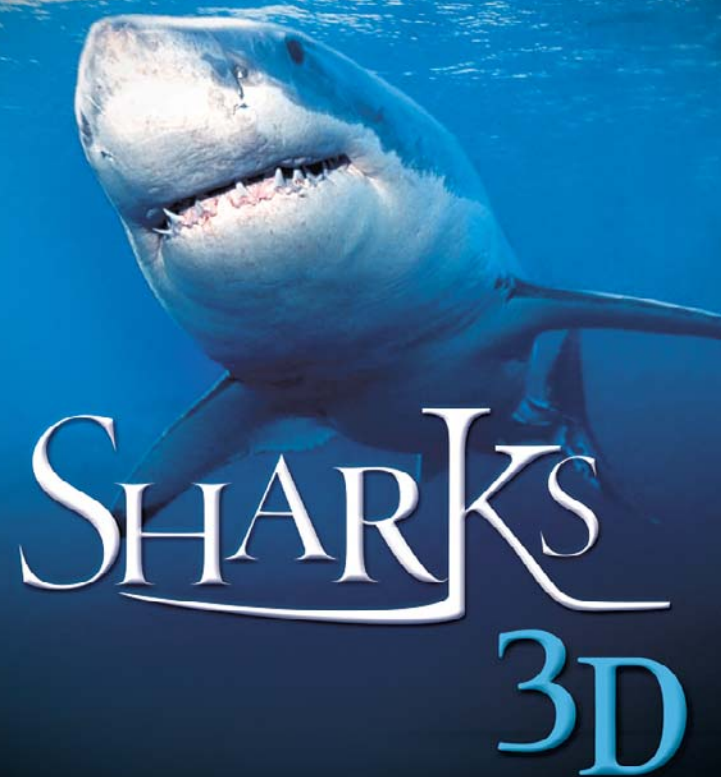
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PAN'S LABYRINTH (R, 112 minutes) It's 1944, the fascists have just won Spain's civil war and a girl named Ofelia (Ivana Baquero) is traveling with her mother, Carmen (Ariadna Gil), to live with her new stepfather, a Nationalist army captain named Vidal (Sergi López). When Ofelia arrives at her new home, it becomes clear she matters little to Vidal. Ofelia increasingly takes refuge in a richly imagined fantasy life, one that eventually leads her to a faun living in the titular labyrinth on the house's property. With this film, director Guillermo del Toro seems to have created his manifesto, a tour de force of cautionary zeal, humanism and magic. (AH)

LE PETIT LIEUTENANT (Unrated, 110 minutes) This superbly low-key policier is basically a look at a Paris crime squad, six detectives under the command of a former alcoholic from an old cop family played with laconic vividness by Nathalie Baye, which proceeds in documentary



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a soul-eroding daily basis. (SH)

THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS (PG-13, 117 minutes) This movie is the biography of a real guy named Christopher Gardner, whom Will Smith, charming and bright, embodies to the fingertips. He is a salesman who ends up on the streets — with his son. The movie is almost devised like a rat-in-maze experiment. Every few minutes, some new obstacle comes up for Chris, at which point the film stands back and watches him improvise. (SH)

THE QUEEN (PG-13, 99 minutes) England's constitutional irony is the chilly but entertaining subtext of Stephen Frears' tragic-comedy. The crisis begins in late August 1997, when Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) learns of Princess Diana's death. Mirren's finely calibrated performance reveals a complex woman coping with a bewildering world. (DT)

RENO 911! MIAMI (R, 84 minutes) It's an American pastime to watch the law pursue the hapless, toothless or pantsless. "Cops" knows this. The Comedy Central show "Reno 911!" knows this, too, and now it's a feature-length movie that

aspires to do the same. In the film, the Reno Sheriff's Department is taken out of Nevada and plopped in Miami for a law enforcement convention, where the Reno deputies are fish out of water next to the dapper, disciplined squads from other cities. Compared with the TV series, yes, it's a compromise. In a single film there is less chance to get to know the characters, whose tics, prejudices and inanities require more than 84 minutes divided among eight talented actors, who must ration their mugging and face time to keep the movie rolling. But it will suffice for fans hungry for new material and tired of waiting for the show's fourth season to end or the fifth to start. **DAN ZAK**

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YOU'VE NEVER SEEN a movie like the mash-up that is "Tears of the Black Tiger." The subtitled Thai Western tells a trite story — boy and girl fall in youthful love, are separated by fortune and class, etc. — that is redeemed by the film's dazzling, vivid and inventive day-glo coloration and thrilling gun battles. "Tears" appeals to a diverse audience, bringing together fans of high-camp, melodramatic romance, gory violence and gorgeous visuals into one art house cinema. **TIM FOLLOS (EXPRESS)**

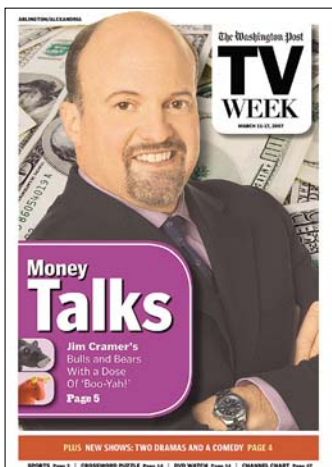


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ROCKY BALBOA (PG, 102 minutes) There's Sylvester Stallone again, sucking down raw eggs and pounding sides of beef to train for another prime-time bout. His opponent this time: heavyweight champ and insufferable braggart Mason "The Line" Dixon (Antonio Tarver). This critic found himself sitting there rooting for this movie to work, and sentimentality won by a knockout. It feels like the first fight all over again, and suddenly a silly little movie built entirely on classic hokum seems to matter. Not just because it's one last roundhouse punch at the world of digital zeros and ones. Not just because it's another underdog story. It matters

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because this boxer taps into something deeper in our collective souls than the desire for entertainment. It's the hope that one day we're going to win big, too, after everyone has given up on us. It's as hokey as it is true. (DT)

SMOKIN' ACES (R, 118 minutes) In a penthouse suite in Lake Tahoe, a somewhat smarmy guy named Buddy "Aces" Israel (Jeremy Piven) has gone to ground while his lawyer is in D.C. huckstering him off to the

highest bidder in the law enforcement casino. Buddy knows too much about not only where the bodies are buried but also who turned them into bodies in the first place. Mob bosses realize they have to get him fast, before he clinches the deal and is hustled off to protective custody. Thus, every high-end hit man in the world is contacted and offered a million bucks if he or she can be the one to snuff Buddy; it's kind of like a hit man's Olympics. (SH)

STOMP THE YARD (PG-13, 115 minutes) This is really two movies. The first and most forgettable is the old one about a young man finding himself. The young

man is a Los Angeles street dancer named DJ, and at college he decides to commit to a team sport, and as an athlete finds the respect, the brotherhood, the emotional completion that has been denied him by circumstance and pathology. He leads the team to the nationals. Ho-hum. But the sport isn't basketball or football: It's stepping. And that's the second movie. If you've never seen it, it's quite a show. (SH)

TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13, 95 minutes) This movie, written and directed by Tyler Perry, may be strictly mezzo-mezzo as art, but it's wonderful as culture. The romantic melodrama, which stars the hotter-

than-hot Idris Elba as a poor mechanic and the equally attractive Gabrielle Union as the rich lawyer who falls in love with him, can be as clunky, obvious and poorly executed as Perry's earlier (and hugely successful) comedies. But what this movie lacks in cinematic sophistication, it makes up for in setting (Atlanta) and characters (working- and middle-class African Americans), which ring consistently and refreshingly true. It may do so awkwardly at times, but the movie tells a story — about aspiration, values and resilience — that deserves to be told in an era of romanticized thugs and playahs. (AH)

VOLVER (R, 121 minutes) Penélope Cruz plays a beleaguered Madrid homemaker at the center of Pedro Almodóvar's warmly seductive movie. She plays Raimunda, an airport cleaner whose quiet heroics take place at home, and she's a subtle revelation. Raimunda's courage is just as compelling as she contends with murder, adultery, incest and beyond-the-grave visits from her mother. (DT)

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WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ (10:25, 11:20 @ \$5), 1:10, 2:20, 4:20, 5:15, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 11:00, 12:35
ZODIAC (R) ✓ (10:30 @ \$5), 12:35, 2:30, 4:00, 6:15, 7:45, 9:50, 11:30
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) (11:35 @ \$5), 2:25, 5:05
THE NUMBER 23 (R) (11:55 @ \$5), 2:35, 5:35, 8:10, 10:35
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) (11:45 @ \$5), 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35, 11:50
BREACH (PG13) (10:50 @ \$5), 1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (10:05 @ \$5), 12:40, 3:40, 6:35, 9:00
GHOST RIDER (PG13) (10:55, 11:50 @ \$5), 1:40, 2:40, 4:25, 5:20, 7:20, 8:20, 10:05, 11:05, 12:45
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) (10:20 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:30, 12:00
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) (11:10 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10, 12:35
NORBIT (PG13) (10:40 @ \$5), 1:05, 3:50, 6:40, 9:20, 11:55
SMOKIN' ACES (R) (10:35 @ \$5), 1:20, 4:15

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THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) (10:10 @ \$5), 1:00, 4:05, 6:50, 9:45, 12:25
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) ✓ (10:00, 11:00 @ \$5), 1:15, 2:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:45
AMAZING GRACE (PG) (10:45 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:10, 6:45, 9:25, 12:05

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

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300 (R) ✓ 1:20, 2:20, 4:00, 5:00, 6:45, 7:45, 9:40, 10:40, 12:30
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BREACH (PG13) 12:50, 2:00, 4:30, 5:50, 7:20, 10:05, 11:10, 12:30
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30, 12:15
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 1:10, 3:50, 6:50

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THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) 12:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:50
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:50, 9:50
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 3:20, 8:30
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 12:35, 3:10, 5:50, 8:20, 11:20

AMC SPRINGFIELD MALL 10

Loisdale and Franconia Road
703-971-3991

300 (R) ✓ 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10
WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15
ZODIAC (R) ✓ 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:25
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30
BREACH (PG13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:55
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
NORBIT (PG13) 1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 9:50

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THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) ✓ 1:00, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

9811 Washington Boulevard
301-948-0906

300 (R) ✓ (10:00, 10:40 @ \$5), 12:40, 1:20, 3:20, 4:10, 6:05, 7:00, 8:50, 9:40, 11:30
WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ (10:20, 11:20 @ \$5), 1:00, 2:00, 3:40, 4:50, 6:10, 7:30, 8:40, 10:00, 11:10
WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ (10:20 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40, 11:10
ZODIAC (R) ✓ (11:00 @ \$5), 12:05, 2:30, 3:30, 6:10, 7:00, 9:50, 10:30
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) (10:35 @ \$5), 3:25, 8:00
THE NUMBER 23 (R) (10:25 @ \$5), 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) 1:10, 5:50, 10:45
BREACH (PG13) (10:55 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:05, 6:40, 9:20
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GHOST RIDER (PG13) (10:25 @ \$5), 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) (10:10 @ \$5), 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 12:50, 5:45, 10:35
NORBIT (PG13) (11:10 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13) (10:10 @ \$5), 3:15, 8:10

AMC SELECT

THE HOST (R) (11:10 @ \$5), 1:55, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30
THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) (10:50 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) ✓ (10:30 @ \$5), 1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:20
AMAZING GRACE (PG) (10:45 @ \$5), 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 9:35

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

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300 (R) ✓ (10:15, 11:15 @ \$5), 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:15, 11:20
WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ (10:30, 11:30 @ \$5), 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:05, 10:10
ZODIAC (R) ✓ (11:25 @ \$5), 12:10, 2:55, 3:40, 6:25, 7:10, 9:55, 10:40
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) (11:50 @ \$5), 2:20, 5:00, 7:35, 10:20
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RENO 911: MIAMI (R) (11:00 @ \$5), 1:25, 3:35, 5:50, 8:20, 10:50
BREACH (PG13) (11:10 @ \$5), 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:25
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (11:20 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
GHOST RIDER (PG13) (10:45 @ \$5), 1:45, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05
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TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:35
NORBIT (PG13) (11:05 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:05, 6:50, 9:20

AMC SELECT

THE ULTIMATE GIFT (PG) (10:50 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:20, 7:05, 10:00
BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) ✓ (10:55 @ \$5), 1:40, 4:40, 7:45, 10:45
AMAZING GRACE (PG) (10:40 @ \$5), 1:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
410-423-0520

300 (R) (10:40, 11:40 @ \$5), 12:40, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:10, 8:10, 9:10, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00
WILD HOGS (PG13) (11:00 @ \$5), 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:20, 11:55
ZODIAC (R) (11:10 @ \$5), 2:50, 6:30, 10:10
THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) (11:25 @ \$5), 2:10
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) 6:40, 9:00, 11:20
BREACH (PG13) (10:30 @ \$5), 1:00, 3:35, 6:10, 8:50, 11:30
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BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (11:50 @ \$5), 2:20, 5:00, 7:30, 10:15
GHOST RIDER (PG13) (11:30 @ \$5), 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12:05
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) (10:35 @ \$5), 12:55, 3:20, 5:40, 8:20, 10:50
NORBIT (PG13) (11:55 @ \$5), 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13) (11:20 @ \$5), 1:50, 4:15

AMC SELECT

BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 12:20, 3:10, 5:50, 8:30, 11:10

LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike
703-506-9857 802

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER (PG) 12:50, 3:10, 6:40, 9:15
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 12:30, 2:50, 4:40, 7:30, 9:40
BECAUSE I SAID SO (PG13) 1:10, 3:30, 7:10, 9:30
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10
BLOOD DIAMOND (R) 12:00, 3:40, 6:50, 10:00

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AMAZING GRACE (PG) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
BABEL (R) 1:00, 7:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 12:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:05
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 7:40, 10:15
THE QUEEN (PG13) 4:00, 9:50

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

300 (R) 12:05, 1:40, 3:05, 4:10, 6:05, 7:05, 9:05, 10:05
WILD HOGS (PG13) 12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35
ZODIAC (R) 12:00, 3:15, 6:25, 9:45
BREACH (PG13) 1:15, 3:45, 6:15, 9:15
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:25
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 12:30, 1:45, 3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 6:45, 8:00, 9:50, 10:30
NORBIT (PG13) 12:10, 1:35, 2:30, 4:05, 5:00, 6:30, 7:30, 8:50, 10:00

AMC SELECT

BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) 2:15, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20

LOEWS DUPONT 5

1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

300 (R) 1:30, 2:15, 4:10, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30
BRIDGE (PG13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

AMC SELECT

STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 2:45, 5:15, 8:00, 10:10
GRAY MATTERS (PG13) 2:00, 7:30
KETTLE OF FISH (R) 4:45, 10:00

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

300 (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
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300 (R) ✓ (10:30, 11:30 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:30, 2:30, 3:20, 4:20, 5:30, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:15, 10:30, 11:30, 12:10
WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ (11:45 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:15, 3:45, 5:00, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 10:15, 11:45
ZODIAC (R) ✓ (11:15 @ \$6), 1:00, 2:45, 4:30, 7:00, 8:15, 10:40, 11:40
THE NUMBER 23 (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 7:55, 10:25
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 12:35, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30, 11:50
BREACH (PG13) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:25, 7:05, 9:40, 12:15
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:20
GHOST RIDER (PG13) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:20, 5:15, 8:05, 10:50
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
NORBIT (PG13) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:10, 5:05, 8:10, 10:55

AMC SELECT

BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) ✓ (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:45
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:40, 10:35

AMC RIVERTOWNE 12

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300 (R) ✓ 4:20, 7:25, 10:20
WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ 4:40, 7:40, 10:40
ZODIAC (R) ✓ 3:30, 6:45, 10:10
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 4:10, 7:10, 9:50
GHOST RIDER (PG13) 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG13) 4:30, 5:30, 7:15, 8:15, 10:00, 10:45
NORBIT (PG13) 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30
STOMP THE YARD (PG13) 4:45, 7:35, 10:25

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BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) ✓ 4:35, 7:45, 10:45
DREAMGIRLS (PG13) 6:45, 10:00

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.
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WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ 12:05, 12:50, 2:15, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:20
ZODIAC (R) ✓ 12:10, 1:10, 3:20, 4:20, 6:40, 7:40, 10:00
BREACH (PG13) 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

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NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 12:30, 4:40, 9:30
BABEL (R) 12:40, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40
CHILDREN OF MEN (R) 2:30, 7:10

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

THE HOST (R) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
STARTER FOR 10 (PG13) 2:00, 5:00, 7:40, 9:50
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
THE LIVES OF OTHERS (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:50
VOLVER (R) 1:40, 7:00
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50
PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 4:10, 9:30
THE QUEEN (PG13) 1:30, 3:50, 7:10, 9:20

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

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300 (R) 2:20, 5:00, 7:15, 10:00
ZODIAC (R) 3:00, 6:15, 9:30
THE NUMBER 23 (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
BREACH (PG13) 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 10:05
MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin
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WILD HOGS (PG13) ✓ 3:05, 5:30, 8:05, 10:20
ZODIAC (R) ✓ 3:15, 6:30, 9:45
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:10, 10:15
BREACH (PG13) 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:30
BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
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MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG13) 2:55, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10

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BLACK SNAKE MOAN (R) ✓ 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05

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PAN'S LABYRINTH (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:50
NOTES ON A SCANDAL (R) 4:30, 9:40
THE QUEEN (PG-13) 2:05, 6:55
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55
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VOLVER (R) 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45



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THE NUMBER 23 (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:55, 10:20
RENO 911: MIAMI (R) 12:45, 3:10, 5:35, 7:50, 10:00
AMAZING GRACE (PG) 11:05, 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10
GHOST RIDER (PG-13) 11:20, 2:25, 5:00, 7:45, 10:25
Tyler Perry's *DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:10, 9:35
BREACH (PG-13) 11:10, 1:40, 4:15, 7:05, 9:40
THE BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA (PG) 11:10, 1:30, 4:00, 6:35, 9:05
NORBIT (PG-13) 11:30, 1:55, 4:20, 6:55, 9:20
MUSIC & LYRICS (PG-13) 11:40, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:05
THE LAST KING OF SCOTLAND (R) 12:55, 3:40, 6:55, 9:55
DREAMGIRLS (PG-13) 4:05

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OLD PEOPLE PDA! AVERT EYES!
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THE SIMPSONS (Sun., 8 p.m., Fox).

THERE IS NO VIRTUE IN ROME
Octavian's family finds it hard to comply with his policy of public virtue on **ROME** (Sun., 9 p.m., HBO).

STAR WARS SOAP OPERA

ALL HAIL: Queen Latifah is strong as a woman living with HIV in "Life Support."

Callis). Parallels to the recent trial of Saddam Hussein abound here, but the real action concerns the mental chess game between Adm. Adama's son, Lee (Jamie Bamber), and Baltar's new lawyer, Romo Lampkin (Mark Sheppard). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries				6	The Planet's Funniest Animals (N)				Meerkat Manor				Meerkat Manor				Ms. Adventure Snagging a mate.				Animal Cops Detroit "Feline Frenzy"				The Planet's Funniest Animals				6											
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Queen				Latifah. (N) 6	Hotwyred (N)				★ ★ "Soul Plane"				(2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold. 6				Comicview				6	Jamie Foxx				Jamie Foxx														
	Bravo	Grease: You're the One That I Want					The 100 Funniest Movies				6	★ ★ ★ "The Brady Bunch Movie"				(1995) Shelley Long, Gary Cole. 6				★ ★ "Wayne's World 2"				(1993) Mike Myers, Dana Carvey. Premiere. 6																		
	Comedy	(5:00) ★ "My Boss's Daughter"				6	Scrubs				6	Scrubs				6	Daily Show				Colbert Report				Mind of Mencia				South Park				6									
	Court	Hollywood Heat				Masterminds	Cops				6	Cops				6	Video Justice (N)				Video Justice				Forensic Files				Forensic Files													
	Discovery	It Takes a Thief "McMansion"				6	Dirty Jobs "Bat Cave Scavenger"				Survivorman				Survivorman				Survivorman				Survivorman				Stunt Junkies				Stunt Junkies											
	DISCH	Code Blue				6	Impact: Stories of Survival				6	Critical Hour "9 Miles of Chaos"				Dr. G: Medical Examiner				6	Mystery ER A woman in pain. (N)				Critical Hour "9 Miles of Chaos"																	
	Disney	Life With Derek				That's So Raven	Hannah Montana				Zack & Cody				Hannah Montana				Cory in the House				★ ★ "The Princess Diaries"				(2001) Julie Andrews, Anne Hathaway. 6				Zack & Cody				That's So Raven							
	E!	Paradise City				Paradise City	E! News (N)				The Daily 10 (N)				101 Favorite Stars Way Back Then				101 Favorite Stars Way Back Then				The Soup (N)				Girl Next Door				E! News				The Daily 10							
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	HGTV	Look What I Did!				Extreme Homes	If Walls Could				House Hunters				Designed to Sell				Buy Me				24 Hour Design				Save My Bath				House Hunters				House Hunters							
	Family	7th Heaven "Chances"				6	Smallville "Crush"				6	"The Dukes of Hazzard: The Beginning"				(2007) Jonathan Bennett. 6				Whose Line?				Whose Line?				The 700 Club				6										
	History	Our Generation				Mail Call	Marvel: Chrysler Building				Shootout! The 1st Infantry Division.				Dogfights "Flying Tigers"				6	Mail Call Vehicles. (N) 6				Marvels: Axes, Swords and Knives																		
	Lifetime	Reba				6	Reba				6	Still Standing				6	Still Standing				6	"A Trick of the Mind"				(2006) Paul Johansson, Alexandra Holden. 6				Will & Grace				6	Will & Grace				6			
	MTV	Next				6	Parental Control				Parental Control				Parental Control				Parental Control				Jackass				6	Jackass				6	Scared				6	Jackass				6
	NICK	Ned's School				Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents				Jimmy Neutron				SpongeBob				Full House				6	Nicktoons TV				6	Nicktoons TV				6	Full House				6				
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	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation				6	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation				6	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation				6	Pros vs. Joes				6	Pros vs. Joes				6	Pros vs. Joes				6	Disorderly Conduct: Video on Patrol										
	TBS	Seinfeld				6	Seinfeld				6	Every-Raymond				Every-Raymond				★ ★ "Austin Powers in Goldmember"				(2002, Comedy) Mike Myers. 6				(1:10) ★ ★ "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star"				(2003) David Spade. 6										
TLC	What Not to Wear "Cristina H."				6	What Not to Wear "Rita"				6	What Not to Wear "Jennifer C."				What Not to Wear "Leslie H."				(N)				What Not to Wear "Suzannah"				6	What Not to Wear "Leslie H."				6										
TNT	Law & Order "American Jihad"				6	Law & Order "Gaijin"				6	(DVS)				★ ★ ★ "Mission: Impossible 2"				(2000, Action) Tom Cruise, Dougray Scott. Premiere. 6				★ ★ ★ "Mission: Impossible 2"				(2000) Tom Cruise. 6															
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent				6	Law & Order: Criminal Intent				6	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				6	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit				6	Monk An actor gets in the way. 6				House "Safe"				6													
VHI	I Love New York				★ ★ ★ "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing. 6													The Agency				6	Dice: Undisputed				Hogan Knows				Hogan Knows											
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	ESPN2	College Basketball				College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal				College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal -- Georgia Tech or Wake Forest vs. Virginia Tech				Strongest Man																												
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	MSNBC	Tucker				Hardball				Countdown With Keith Olbermann				MSNBC Investigates				MSNBC Investigates				MSNBC Reports																				
MOVIES	AMC	★ ★ "Black Dog" (1998, Action) Patrick Swayze, Meat Loaf. 'PG-13'				★ ★ "Conan the Barbarian" (1982, Adventure) Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Earl Jones. 'R'				★ ★ "Volcano" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones. 'PG-13'																																
	TCM	★ ★ "Bad Bascomb" (1946, Western) Wallace Beery. 'NR'				★ ★ ★ "Last Train From Gun Hill"				(1959, Western) Kirk Douglas. Premiere.				★ ★ "The Bachelor Party" (1957, Drama) Don Murray, E.G. Marshall. 'NR'																												
	HBO	★ ★ "You've Got Mail" (1998, Romance-Comedy) Tom Hanks. 6				PG'				★ ★ "Poseidon" (2006) Josh Lucas. 6				PG-13'				300: First Look				Rome "Death Mask"				6	Real Time With Bill Maher				6											
	MAX	★ ★ ★ "The Rock" (1996, Action) Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage. 6				R'				(1:15) MAX on Set				★ ★ "Out for Justice" (1991) Steven Seagal. 6				R'				★ ★ ★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005, Action) Brad Pitt. 6				PG-13'																
	SHOW	(5:45) ★ ★ "American Crime" (2004) Annabella Sciorra.				★ ★ "Jiminy Glick in Lalawood" (2004) Martin Short. 'R'				The L Word (iTV) Creative differences.				Alex Reymundo's Hick-Spanic: Live				Debbie Does				Debbie Does																				
	TMC	★ The Mesmerist				(1:45) ★ ★ ★ "Wonderwall" (1969) Jack MacGowan. 'NR'				(1:15) ★ ★ "Undiscovered" (2005, Comedy-Drama) Pell James. 'PG-13'				★ "National Lampoon's Barely Legal" (2005) 6				R'				(1:35) ★ ★ Push																				
	STARZ!	(5:30) ★ ★ "Mindhunters" (2004) LL Cool J 6				R'				(2:20) ★ ★ "Drop Dead Gorgeous" (1999) Kirsten Dunst.				★ ★ "Stick it!" (2006, Comedy-Drama) Jeff Bridges. 6				PG-13'				(10:50) ★ ★ "Underworld: Evolution"																				
	ENCORE	(1:15) ★ ★ ★ "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" (1989) Rick Moranis. 6				PG'				★ ★ "Stealth" (2005) Josh Lucas. Three pilots combat artificial intelligence.				(1:05) ★ ★ "The Glimmer Man" (1996) Steven Seagal. 6				R'				(1:45) Dark Water																				

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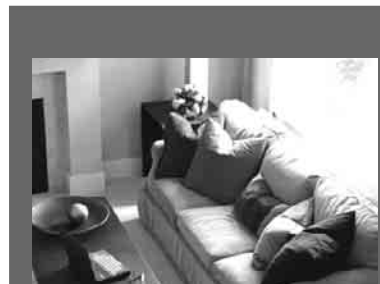
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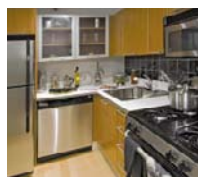
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As the yachts get bigger and more numerous, the Caribbean is running out of parking space.

The answer to this invasion of the so-called mega-yachts? Mega-marinas.

From the Bahamas in the north to St. Lucia in the south, island governments and entrepreneurs in the Caribbean and western Atlantic are developing waterfront property and expanding marinas to handle yachts that range from 80 feet to longer than a football field.

Leading the pack is Yacht Haven Grande in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, which is being upgraded at a cost of \$200 million in a part of Charlotte Amalie harbor once so blighted that boaters called it "rat haven."

Promoted as the largest mega-yacht facility in the Caribbean, the marina has hosted Rising Sun, a 452-foot, five-story behemoth with 82 rooms and a generator capable of powering a small town. The mega-yacht, the world's fifth largest, was built for Oracle Corp. co-founder and CEO Larry Ellison.

Yacht Haven Grande features

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in-slip systems that can pump 150 gallons of fuel a minute, supply ample electricity, remove sewage and oil and provide gourmet food and drink served by marina employees in crisp uniforms.

In Grenada, workers recently broke ground on a privately funded \$562 million resort and marina with spaces for 280 boats, a dozen of them for yachts longer than 250 feet, plus two hotels and hundreds of condos and apartments.

Critics say the owners of smaller sailboats will ultimately be squeezed out and the environment will suffer. But there is little organized opposition.

"Anything of any mega-size is, obviously, a concern in the industry, but it doesn't seem that anyone has raised any red flags," said Deirdre Shurland, director of the Puerto Rico-based Caribbean Alliance for Sustainable Tourism, a hotel-owners group that advocates eco-friendly tourism.

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CRUISIN' ALONG: The Rising Sun, right, is a 452-foot, five-story, 82-room yacht that requires a special dock when not at sea.

Mega Marinas

Meanwhile, the popularity of mega-yachts — for those who can afford them — is red hot.

In 1993, the world had fewer than 700 private owners with boats more than 80 feet long. Today, there are an estimated 7,000 yachts that

are more than 80 feet long in use, according to ShowBoats International, a publication that tracks vessel construction.

At the same time, Forbes magazine reports there were 793 billionaires last year — 317 more than in 2003.

"People want to build their own island, their own safe and secure private world. No better way than aboard a yacht," said Jill Bobrow, editor in chief of ShowBoats International.

In the Caribbean, mega-yachtsmen suffer from "an acute shortage of large mega-yacht marinas," said British entrepreneur Peter de Savary, a mega-yacht owner who is financing the Grenada project.

Many in the region's nautical industry, from harbor masters to marine suppliers, say the bigger-is-better trend has taken them by surprise, but they welcome it.

"It's been great for the economy, so I say 'Long may the mega-yacht live!'" said Tom Patterson, manager of the Antigua Yacht Club in English Harbor, Antigua. "These people are the wealthiest tourists in the world." DAVID MCFADDEN (AP)

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Who's the Real Melinda?

Melinda Doolittle is taking "American Idol" by storm, but our Arion Berger doesn't buy her shy-girl demeanor. "Her humble act is a way of compensating for her ludicrous amount of talent," Berger writes. "She's a control freak of the first water." Read Arion's full recap of the week's "AI" action on the site. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



EYE OPENERS

Not So Welles

He was a legendary filmmaker in his prime, but Orson Welles' later years were, well, not great. (His last film appearance was "Transformers: The Movie" for crying out loud.) Watch one of Welles' more lackluster performances at the bottom of our homepage. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

ENTERTAINMENT

Monster Movie-Maker

Bong Joon-ho's "The Host" isn't just any monster flick — it's a movie that's seized viewers in his native South Korea, making it the most-seen film in the country's history. Bong discusses the film with Express, touching on its themes, which range from American ruthlessness to atomic-age horror. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



comment board

I think Brookland is a comfy and quiet nook in D.C., but I wish it had more life to it. ... Since CUA is in Brookland, one would think the college kids would add more life to it, but they hop on the Red Line and go to places like Adams Morgan, instead."

COMMENTER GOLDEN SILENCE, RESPONDING TO A FREE RIDE POST ABOUT D.C.'S BROOKLAND NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR DOWNTOWN, BUT MOVES AT A SLOWER PACE.



Medical bills, car trouble, family support — these things can run into [the] thousands, and, for many people, credit cards are the only way to get quick cash. The system needs reform."

COMMENTER BLURKER, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL QUESTION, "DO CREDIT CARD COMPANIES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONSUMERS?" MOST COMMENTERS ANSWERED "YES."

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should Marion Barry go to jail for not paying taxes?

- Yes
- No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Do credit card companies take advantage of consumers?

AS OF 6 P.M. THURSDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.



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"[REP. BILL] YOUNG could have used his position to get these troops the help they needed, but he intentionally kept quiet."

THECARPETBAGGERREPORT.COM RELAYS A NEW CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY ARTICLE IN WHICH REP. BILL YOUNG, R-FLA., SAID HE KEPT QUIET ON PROBLEMS HE SAW AT WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER "TO AVOID EMBARRASSING THE ARMY."

"IT WAS A GOOD EPISODE. No, really. It was a good episode. ... It is a relief to see that the series is finally picking up again."

SCRIBESANDSCOUNDRELS.BLOGSPOT.COM SAYS THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF ABC'S "LOST" WAS GOOD, REVERSING A RECENT TREND OF UPSETTING DIE-HARD FANS.

Live Online

D.C. Mayors

Post Metro columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday and discussed Mayor Adrian Fenty's appointments, Marion Barry's taxes consequences and the snowstorm that wasn't.



Have there been any rumblings with regard to Fenty's appointments being mostly white?

Yes, indeed, there are all sorts of rumblings about that, except of course, that it's not true. Fenty has appointed some whites to some

prominent positions, but he's also appointed lots of blacks and members of other ethnic and racial groups as well. Like Tony Williams before him, Fenty has been reaching out to top people from other cities, without undue regard to race.

Any chance Marion Barry becomes the poster boy for "Taxation without Representation" and issues a statement that he won't pay taxes until D.C. gets a vote?

It would be so delicious and so Barry if he were to turn this into some sort of expression of political outrage, but, no, he's taken the line that this is a private matter between him and the IRS. But, of course, such matters are hardly pri-

vate when you laugh in the general direction of the law and the IRS. Sadly, Barry appears to be beyond that time in his life when his personal magic could turn something like this into a brilliant political circus that somehow ends up winning the people over to his side.

Even the bike paths were clear this morning. What's going on?

A snowstorm that drops a whopping 1/100th of an inch is apparently something that the area can actually handle.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Washington Post film critic Desson Thomson discusses the latest Hollywood and indie movie offerings at 12:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

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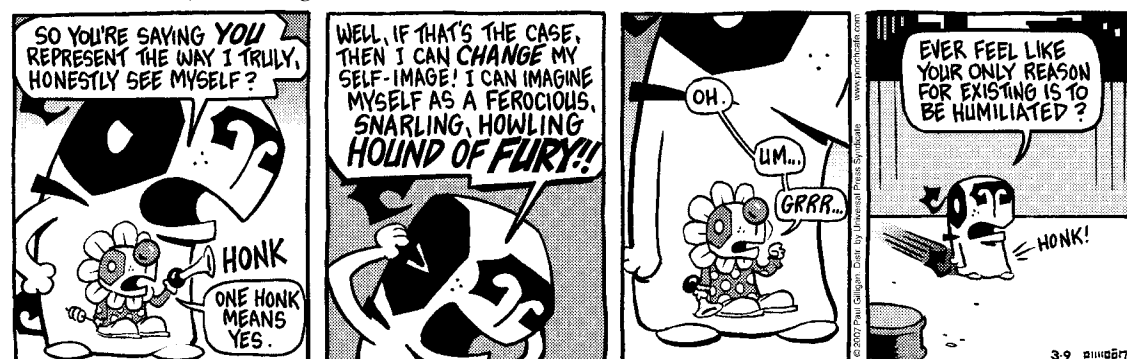
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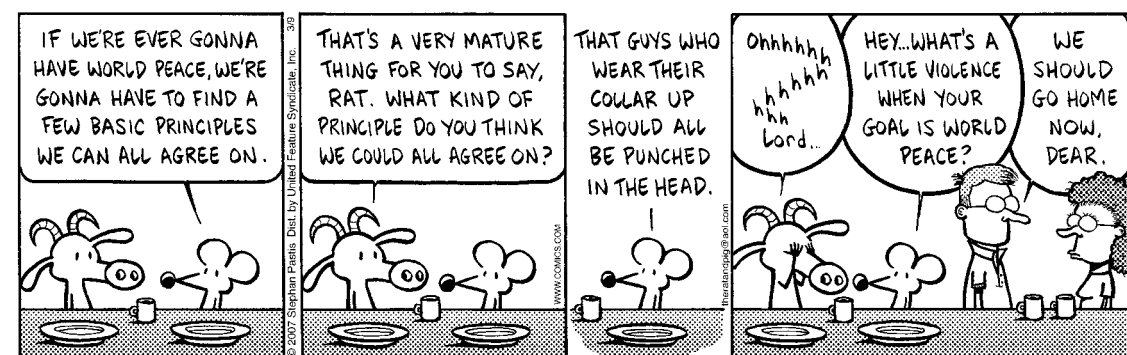
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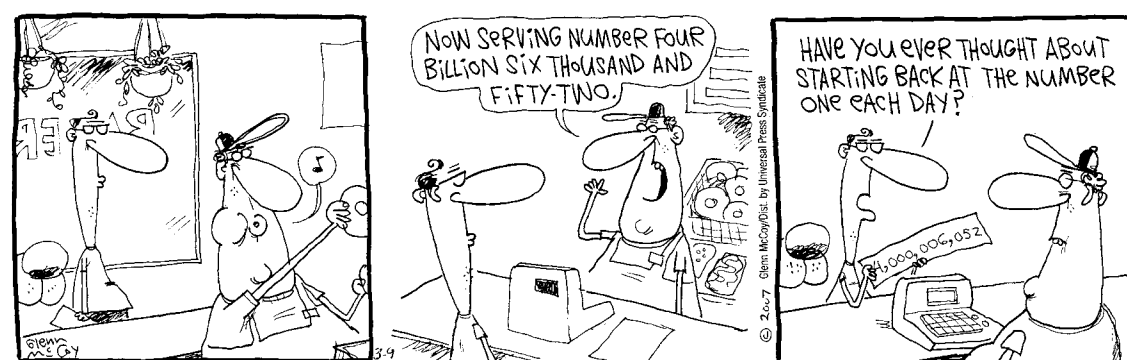
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You mustn't make excuses for unacceptable behavior — nor should you accept them from others. Don't close your eyes to dangerous patterns.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your wheels may not be turning as freely as usual. Concentrate on your own internal mechanism — and be sure you're not low on fuel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A conflict of interest is likely to arise between yourself and an Aries native — one who thinks, by the way, that you're far off course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's a good time to change your ways at home and begin to take better care of yourself — outside and in. Mind and body go hand in hand.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take care you don't begin outreaching yourself; focus on that which is attainable, and don't let greed get the better of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If success is to

be yours, you're going to have to concentrate on your single primary objective. Don't allow yourself to be sidetracked.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You're likely to be recognized for an important contribution. Take care you don't become cocky or overzealous as a result.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It may be difficult for you to make heads or tails of an unexpected development. Trust the input of friends and loved ones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Openness and freedom are what it's all about, and you mustn't do anything that may cramp someone else's style.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have more on your mind than business affairs; indeed, now is the time to focus more intently on pressing personal issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be more difficult to figure out than ever before — partly because you're following your own instincts all the more faithfully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be on a short fuse, and you should do what you can to avoid contact with anyone who is out to ruffle your feathers.

Letters

Not All Rappers Lose Touch

IN RESPONSE TO Charley Grier's letter ("Hip-Hop Loses Touch," March 7), the Roots, Mos Def, Talib Kweli, Blackalicious and Lyrics Born are bright spots in the field. But these artists will never get the publicity they deserve because they are intelligent

and don't talk about all the things they have. Maybe this is a good sign and true hip-hop will go back underground and become a "renegade" art form as it once was.

—TRACY LUCAS
Washington, D.C.

Correction:

In Thursday's Weekend Pass, the photograph of Bong Joon-ho was incorrectly attributed. The photographer is Michelle Repiso.

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Today in History

1862 During the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimack) clash for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

1907 Indiana's General Assembly passes America's first involuntary sterilization law, one that was aimed at "confirmed criminals, idiots, imbeciles and rapists" in state custody.

1954 CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviews Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-communism campaign on an epi-



Rapper the Notorious B.I.G. was killed in a drive-by shooting today in 1997.

sode of "See It Now."

1997 Gangsta rapper the Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed in a still-unsolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He was 24.

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People



Michael thrives in his natural habitat.

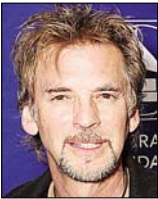
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Concentration of Creepy Throws Earth Out of Orbit

Amid fans, impersonators and orphans, **MICHAEL JACKSON** said he wouldn't change the path of his career, despite "attempts to hurt me." The star, in Tokyo for "fan appreciation events," was the guest of honor at a party where about 400 people paid \$3,500 each for Jackson-themed activities. (AP)

KENNIES

Not to Be Confused With Kenny G or Kenny Rogers



KENNY LOGGINS was inducted into Hollywood's RockWalk on Wednesday. "Thank you to everybody, and my fans who have come out," said Loggins, 59, just before putting his hands in wet cement. (AP)



STEPHEN SHUGERMAN/GETTY IMAGES

ADORATION

U.N. Hosts Love-In

JENNIFER HUDSON made a guest appearance Wednesday at an awards ceremony promoting women's achievements and paid tribute to her own female inspirations. The "Dreamgirls" star spoke of the support of her mother and grandmother before a crowd at U.N. headquarters. "One reason my dreams have been able to come true is because of the people in my life," she said. (AP)



"Let me out of jail, because I cheated."

judge panel that Hatch thought CBS or show producers were responsible for paying his taxes.

Minns said Hatch caught show employees slipping contestants food so Hatch would lose, so he made a deal: He wouldn't tell, and they would pay his taxes if he won. (AP)

RECORDINGS

Too Bad There Were No Cameras To Prove This

RICHARD HATCH deserves a new trial on charges he failed to pay taxes on his \$1 million "Survivor" prize, his lawyer said Thursday. Hatch, 45, was convicted of tax evasion and jailed last year. Attorney Michael Minns told a three-

THE LAW

Minor Actor Convicted

LANE GARRISON was charged Thursday with manslaughter and drunken driving in a car crash that killed a 17-year-old boy last year. The 26-year-old "Prison Break" actor was



charged with felony vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and other charges in Beverly Hills, Calif. (AP)

EMERGENCY PLAN

In Case of Rapture, Get High, Aggressively Defend Position

Blues Traveler's **JOHN POPPER** was arrested after the SUV he was in was clocked going 111 mph, the Washington State Patrol said Wednesday. Officers found marijuana, four rifles, nine handguns, a switchblade, a Taser and night-vision goggles. He told troopers the items were to prevent him from being "left behind" in the event of a natural disaster. (AP)

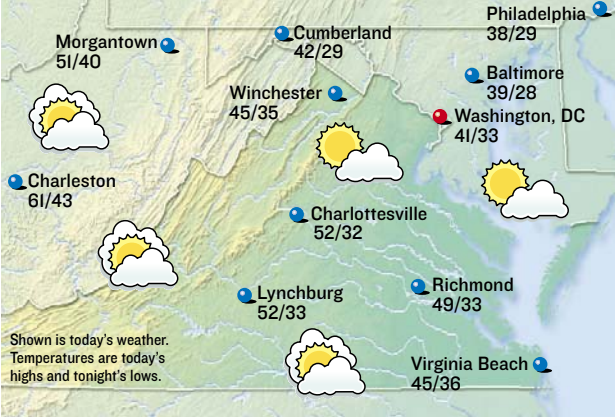


Who needs water and a first-aid kit when you can have handguns and pot?

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Increasingly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, warmer	Mostly cloudy, a shower possible	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, warmer
41°	33°	52° / 42°	57° / 40°	53° / 42°	63° / 47°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature	
High	40°
Low	20°
Normal high	53°
Normal low	35°
Average humidity	45%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.05"
Month to date	0.91"
Normal month to date	0.92"
Year to date	5.59"
Last year to date	5.74"
Normal year to date	6.76"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

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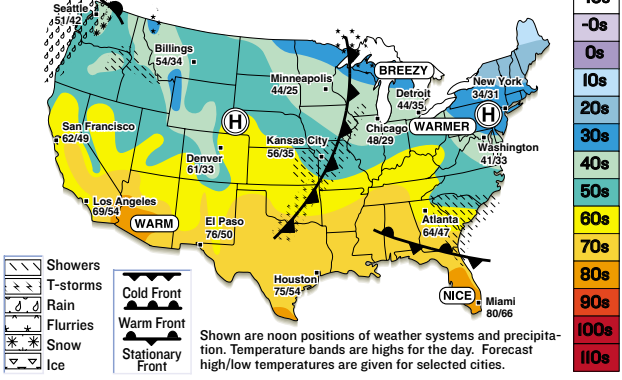
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 41. Wind south-southeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, increasing clouds. Low 33. Wind south 5-10 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:30 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:09 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:59 p.m.
Moonset today	8:46 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, March 9



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	64/47/pc	62/48/c
Boston	29/24/s	47/36/pc
Chicago	48/29/pc	48/31/pc
Dallas	76/50/pc	75/53/pc
Denver	61/33/pc	64/36/pc
Honolulu	81/73/sh	80/66/sh
Los Angeles	69/54/pc	78/56/s
Miami	80/66/pc	81/67/pc
New York City	34/31/s	48/37/pc
Orlando	80/58/pc	80/59/pc
Seattle	51/42/r	52/46/r

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	50/41/sh	50/41/c
Athens	64/48/pc	61/48/r
Berlin	52/39/pc	45/36/pc
Buenos Aires	77/59/s	75/59/s
Calgary	49/28/pc	42/30/pc
Dublin	48/41/sh	54/50/sh
Geneva	50/37/c	47/29/c
Moscow	41/34/c	35/29/c
Rome	59/46/pc	59/45/c
Sydney	79/65/pc	82/68/s
Tokyo	53/40/pc	54/45/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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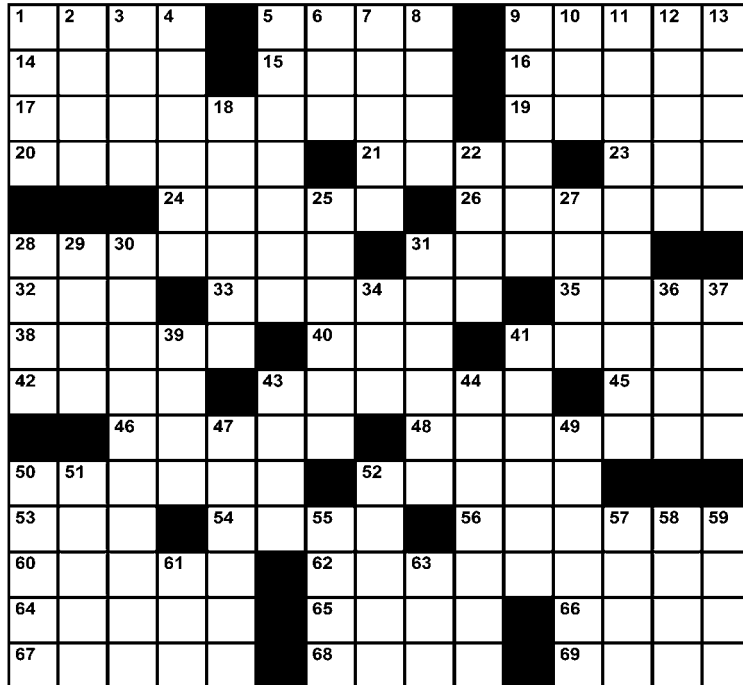
ACROSS

- 1 She followed Eleanor
5 Conserve
9 Emcee with White
14 Way out
15 Throw in the towel
16 Decorate
17 Dey's revolving tray?
19 Sheet of print
20 Aviator Earhart
21 It was given to you
23 Give permission
24 Screwed up
26 Antiknock fluids
28 Noted horn blower
31 Flexible ___ sled
32 Feeling poorly
33 Conventions
35 Propels a wherry
38 Swindles
40 Just a bit
41 Like the color purple
42 Author Uris
43 Defunct
Chrysler marque
45 Epoch
46 They were used for many calls
48 Military force, once
50 Orville Wright's city of birth
52 Seat weaver, of a sort
53 Cola mixer

- 54 Jazz plays there
56 Candied
60 Yikes!
62 Pesci's sandwich?
64 High spot for eggs
65 Mallet game
66 Molten spew
67 Salon fixture
68 There's one under 67-Across
69 They were once together

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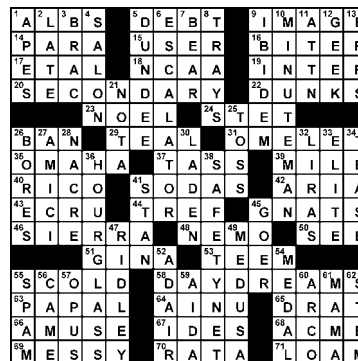
- 1 Lugosi of film
2 Student stressor
3 Junior or jumbo, e.g.
4 Salon fixture or employee
5 Certain shapes
6 Salzburg's nation, briefly
7 Delicious dish
8 Volcano near Messina
9 It's supposed to come first
10 Commotion
11 Ebert in a merry mood?
12 Mischievous spirit in "The Tempest"
13 Pine feature
18 Dog Star
22 Gibson and Torme
25 Lifts, as spirits
27 This place



- 28 Kind of scout
29 Hand cream enhancer
30 What Moore may put on her bar tab?
31 Felt hat
34 Laughing matter?
36 Lovesome
37 Assassin's order
39 Purl partner
41 Arrived on horseback
43 It might be created by accident

- 44 Slangy Andrew Jackson
47 Skilled housecat
49 Patterned sock
50 Great fear
51 When you use it, it's boring
52 Daphnis' lover
55 Dangerous Middle Easterners
57 Comet competitor
58 Wander about
59 Votes in favor
61 It may be cast
63 Pay stub?

Yesterday's Solution



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Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

5	4	9	8	6	7	1	3	2
1	7	6	5	3	2	8	9	4
8	3	2	9	1	4	6	5	7
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6	1	3	4	7	9	2	8	5
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9	2	7	3	4	1	5	6	8

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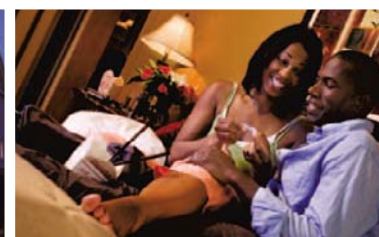
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face QA time

■ **Tony Award-winner** Audra McDonald wins raves for both singing and acting, a surprisingly rare double threat for a Broadway baby. As a chanteuse, the star of "Ragtime" and the upcoming Great White Way revival of "110 in the Shade" refuses to stick to one genre, performing and recording opera, pop and, yep, show tunes. McDonald appears with Barbara Cook at the Kennedy Center March 17.

What can we expect from this gig with Barbara Cook?

We're doing four or five duets and then eight or nine songs each on our own. It happens in a back-and-forth way. I tend to stick to songs from the late '90s and the 21st century, stuff that looks to the future of American musical theater.

Your career has spanned many styles. What's your fave?

Kurt Weill said: "There is only good music and bad music." I'm affected by things from Lyle Lovett to opera.

You're about to do "110 in the Shade" on Broadway. What about the show appealed to you?

The character [stalwart spinster

Lizzie] goes on a huge journey. She starts out all but hopeless, and then this one day her whole world completely changes. Her life is forever altered. The show's music is also glorious, and people have forgotten that.

If you aren't in costume for a show, what do you wear onstage?

For concerts, I lean toward a longer dress, but not a pouffy ball gown. I like something that covers my legs while I'm singing — the last thing I want to deal with is a fleshy part sticking out. I like gowns by Carmen Marc Valvo and Vera Wang with form-fitting bodices. And my secret to shoes is Stuart Weitzman. He makes beautiful shoes that support me and feel glamorous.



MICHAEL WILSON

Audra McDonald

SINGER, ACTRESS, THEATER MEMORABILIA FAN

How's that different from what you wear offstage?

Oh, it's night and day. I'm a tom-boy who could live in jeans, tank tops and flip-flops. It frustrates my daughter [6-year-old Zoe Madeline] to no end.

You have such glamorous hair. How do you care for it?

It's, like, the curliest hair in the

world, so it's all about conditioner. I use a Paul Mitchell detangler. People sometimes tell me I've got great arms, and it's all from combing through my big hair.

And you do yoga?

I do that and Pilates. They keep my body healthy and toned and that carries over into my performances.

"People tell me I've got great arms, and it's all from combing through my big hair."

You live in New York state with your daughter and bass-player husband. How have you decorated?

There's nothing fancy about it — we've got a couch that can withstand crayons. Our house is covered with stickers and 6-year-old paraphernalia.

Are there theater mementos, too?

I'm really into musical memorabilia, things from the 1930s and '40s. I particularly like ones of African-American stars like Cab Calloway and Count Basie.

What about your four Tonys?

They aren't displayed prominently — they're on the piano next to a figure of a frog playing the bass!

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY



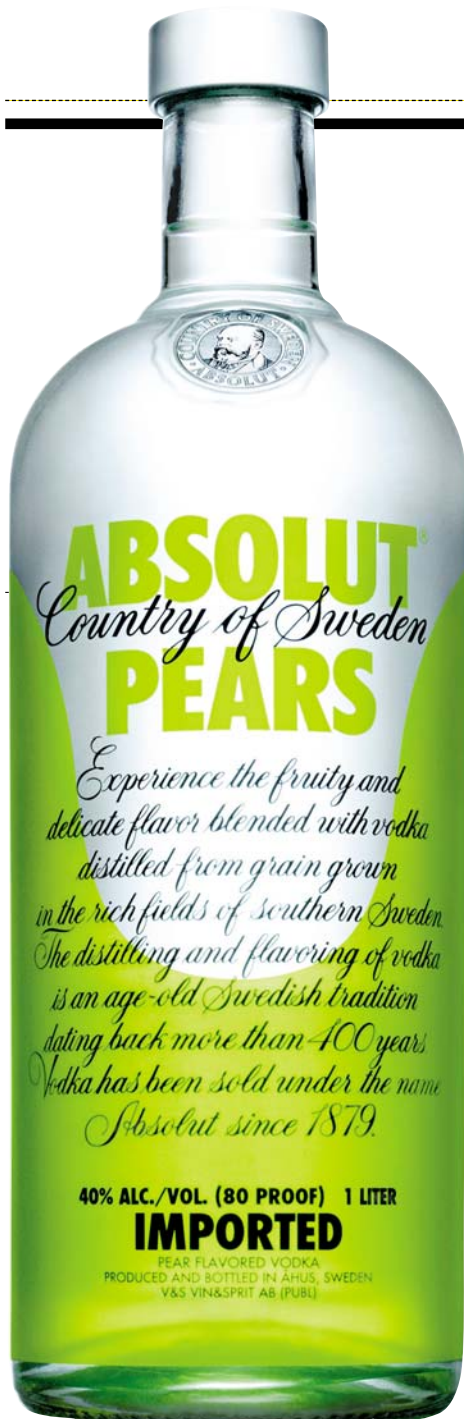
Don't waste that extra hour!

Consider daylight saving time a gift. Discover a few ideas for how to make the most of it in the Weekend section.

Also in Weekend: Best bets for fun, shows to catch, and what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

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1 Flight Light

SONGBIRDS LOOK so spring-like at your seed-stuffed feeder! But they're noisy, known for pooping on the patio furniture and, if you believe Alfred Hitchcock, prone to evil in large numbers. IKEA's new Skinna LED lights (\$10) bring bluebirds of happiness, sans the unpredictability of nature.



5 Fruit to Shoot?

RASPBERRY, LEMON, peach and mandarin orange star in their own vodkas. So, it seems only fair that the humble pear should get smooshed up and distilled by Swedes. New Absolut Pears (for info, see absolut.com) tastes sweetly mellow, like the Anjou used in its fermentation. It packs a bit too much of a wallop over ice, but mixes well with pomegranate or cranberry juice. Bonus: The green bottle makes your bar cart chicer.

Grab Bag

Sighting Irish 3

IT'S YOUR LUCKY DAY! But instead of a pot of gold, watch for the Irish Spring Body Wash Green Team. The lasses will be at Union Station today, handing out soap samples and a limited-edition Zagat guide to the top U.S. Irish pubs. Eight D.C. haunts, including McGinty's and Duffy's, made the cut.



4 Fierce Up Your Face

TANG-TINTED Jay Manuel, stylist for "America's Next Top Model," has blessed the world with his own cosmetics line. Available on qvc.com, the makeup (hilariously named "Manuel Override") includes the idiot-proof "Face Kits" (\$40), a lip set in which the colors feel like powder, but look good and last all day (\$29.50), and fun stuff for the makeup expert, like dimension-building shading powders (\$38).



Raid a Hip Sib's Stuff

VIENNA, VA., may be in outer suburbia. But it feels like a downtown fashionista destination at My Sister's Closet (111 Church St.; 703-255-4760). A sunny second-floor space (above worth-the-drive restaurant Bazin's) with striped walls and shabby-chic furniture holds the picks of sisters Lilyan Rehman and Caroline Ano: Lewis Cho's jewel-tone knits, Julie Brown's pop-art frocks (shown, \$267) and Cynthia Steffe's sweet, Nashville-cool eye-let blouses.



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ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I'm a work-at-home mom who enjoys fashion, but also requires comfort. I need a spring shoe (not a sneaker) I can wear to the playground but also out among adults. — ALICE

■ Manolo says, the Alice is the woman after the Manolo's own heart, one of that ever shrinking minority of peoples who wishes to dress like the adult person and not the teenager or the infantile child. This is not to say that the Manolo is opposed to the sneaker as the suitable casual wear. Indeed, he himself has been



known to rock the pair of the old-school Adidas Rod Lavers. Rather, it is to note that the Manolo has been recently appalled by the adoption of silly and childish footwear by the peoples who should know better. Indeed, the Manolo suspects that it is only the matter of time before his banker, his accountant, his lawyer and all the justices of the Supreme Court begin to sport the orange plastic clogs, at which point the Manolo will probably give up the things of this world and become the Tibetan monk. Om mani padme blahnik. Until that time, the Manolo will wage the good fight, recommending shoes like this cute moc-casin, the Donna Cyndi 3 from Geox (\$129, zappos.com).



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Ashley wears a dress by BCBG (\$220) and a headband (\$15, both Nordstrom, Fashion Centre at Pentagon City; 703-415-2400). Hair and makeup by Richard Bernal, T.H.E. Artist Agency and Skin Beauty Lounge. Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Michelle Repiso.

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lights bare lids, while brightening up and adding shimmer over darker shades. If you're looking to add more color, try Amethyst, a sheer lavender that will make brown eyes pop, or Lagoon, a watery hue that complements blue eyes.

The indispensable product of the season is a multi-use powder such

COLOR ME SPRINGY

(1) Laura Mercier Stick Foundation is oil-free and contains SPF 15. (\$40, Neiman Marcus) **(2) Clinique Fresh Bloom All-over Colour** is a limited-edition multi-use product. (\$29.50, clinique.com) **(3) Rouge Absolu Désire** from Lancôme is a rich formula in a series of limited-edition shades. (\$25, lancome-usa.com) **(4) Prescriptives Cheek Blossom** in rose adds a hint of pink; the purple flower in the middle is just plain adorable. (\$26, prescriptives.com) **(5) Ombre Essentielle** in Candide from Chanel embodies the light look of spring. (\$26.50, chanel.com)

Spring in Your Prep

Trade dramatic winter makeup for the softer look of spring

With Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail in a few weeks, it's time to lighten up your look. The trend for spring isn't revolutionary — it's more of an evolu-

tion of this winter's dramatic eyes/deep lips face. You'll still see bold hues on the lips (although in berries and corals, rather than reds). Eyes are going lighter, albeit with dark lashes.

Spring runways included "a lot of very sheer textures," said Tim Quinn, celebrity face designer for Armani Cosmetics. "Cheeks have washes of color," allowing the skin's natural undertones to come through.

We like Prescriptives Cheek

Blossom in Rose; while it's a powder, the texture is so soft it's almost creamy, giving skin a luminescence that's tough to achieve with normal powders. The new Laura Mercier Stick Foundation combines sun protection with radiant coverage. It softens imperfections, rather than simply sandblasting over them, making skin look more natural.

For lips, it's all about "color, especially berries and corals," said Quinn. The 10 limited-edition shades of

Lancôme's new Rouge Absolu Désire Line are super-rich and moisturizing. Try Beau & Arrow, a sophisticated pink, if you're light-skinned; dark-skinned girls should grab Berry Noir, a deep, fruity shade.

Eyes are "earthier," said Quinn, "with wonderful soft, sandy colors." Take the neutral brown you've been wearing all winter and lighten it with something soft and sheer, like Chanel's Ombre Essentielle in Candide, a beachy pink that high-

as Clinique's Fresh Bloom All-over Colour. Available in four shades, it can be used in a variety of ways: Blend the two colors or choose a single one, then either apply it like blush to cheeks, or use a bigger brush to hit up your forehead and chin for a healthy glow. Or even go nuts and powder your décolletage for a sexier look.

Some things, though, never change. "Lots of lash," is still in for spring, said Quinn. So, invest in a high-quality, black mascara (our longtime favorite is Urban Decay's Big Fatty) to give eyes one final pop.

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(1) Hide your sins (venial or mortal) deep within this charm necklace—one of the sacred hearts is actually a locket. It comes with aquamarine, red or onyx beads. (\$62, gypsyville.com) **(2) A San Benito medallion** (he's the patron saint of the married, by the way) from the Vatican is accented with gold and crystal. (\$180, by Virgins Saints and Angels, Carbon, 2643 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-6645) **(3) Look hot for Armageddon** in a men's T-shirt from Topless, depicting a whole bunch of Buffysque demons heading into the final battle. (\$55, Bloomingdale's, Tysons Corner and White Flint)

Parochial Cool

Inspiration comes from everywhere. Great works of art, nature, the hunky priest who works with the pope. Yes, Father Georg Ganswein, Pope Benedict's personal secretary, was a major inspiration for Versace's fall men's collection. Jean-Paul Gaultier also hopped on the holy train with Virgin Mary-themed couture designs (that's one, above). In honor of Father Ganswein, who looks like a young Warren Beatty, we've collected the best in sacred style. Whether you wear it for luck or wear it for Lent, you'll be taking the catwalk right up to the pearly gates. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



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(4) Can't wear your heart on your sleeve? Try the sacred heart on your chest with this hoodie. Each emblem is hand-cut, then appliquéd onto the black sweatshirt. (\$60, store.shoporangebutton.com) **(5) Belt on a blessing** with this cool cincher, also made by Virgins Saints and Angels from a San Benito Medallion. (\$179, Carbon) **(6) Every Catholic schoolgirl** will love this wooden bracelet, adorned with various holy beings and the Infant of Prague. Folks seek his patronage to improve their finances, so it makes sense that the bracelet is bud-get-friendly. (\$8, Shoefly, 1520 U St. NW; 202-332-1077)

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THE POSSESSION:
CHARM BRACELET

THE OWNER: HEIDI KALLETT,
THE DANDELION PATCH

Charmed Life

■ "It represents my life, in short," says Heidi Kallett of her gold charm bracelet. "I'm a traditionalist. I love the idea of remembering special events." But when the proprietress of stationery store The Dandelion Patch (111 Church St. NW, Vienna; 703-319-9099; thedandelionpatch.com) asked her husband, he protested, "That's for grandmothers!" — then dutifully sought one out for her birthday.

Kallett's bracelet isn't chock full of charms. Each addition must hold major significance, such as the Aaron Basha baby shoes she received at the births her two children, Ethan, 7, and Jordan, 5. New talismans through the years include a starfish from a stint living in Florida and a pink ribbon to remember an aunt who died of breast cancer. Kallett has a dandelion on the way to honor her store, which opened in 1994.

Some charms commemorate smaller moments. A beach ball signifies a vacation taken when Ethan was 2. "We were so excited to share the beach and ocean with him. However, he hated both," says Kallett. The trip was saved by a humble beach ball, bought at a gas station, that entranced the tyke for hours. "He even made us let most of the air out at night so he could hug it when he went to bed in his crib!" STEPHANIE JONES

Opposite Attraction

Known for anime heroines-gone-glam fashions, Anna Sui matches eyelet with grosgrain on a tunic. (\$275, Nordstrom, Pentagon City; 703-415-1121)

Ebony and ivory live together in near-perfect harmony on piano keyboards, pandas and the jumpsuits of mournful clowns. The non-color combo also swings into fashion often. Think Chanel jackets, '60s mod mini-dresses and the costumes for the "My Fair Lady" ascot scene. The Oreo mix looks delicious this spring, especially worn with brights: a cobalt patent belt, yellow flats. "The 'Factory Girl' frenzy helped bring black and white back," says Biba Milioto of ravinstyle.com, which stocks many things in Ace of Spades shades. "But new shapes make it modern." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Swing jackets, so Hitchcock heroine or Parisian gamine, are back and ready to pair with jeans and pencil skirts. H&M's bracelet-sleeved number seems especially jolite layered with a long-sleeved tee. (\$35, H&M)

Cook up a cherry jubilee by mixing jeans or a solid-colored trapeze dress with four-inch, fruit-print canvas wedges with a patent leather base and trim. (\$218, anthropologie.com)

What to wear with in-again red jeans? A pin-up girly polka-dot blouse — layered over a black or white cami — which gets extra swish from its pretty ruffled trim. (\$30, us.redoute.com)





↑ Part French sailor, part '80s punker, Ulla Johnson's top also boasts a dual fashion identity. Under a blazer, it's work-worthy; with capris, it's weekend-chic. (\$180, Sugar, 1633 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-5331)

↓ Too much B&W says "demented harlequin." This necklace brings subtle bling. (\$73, Urban Chic, 1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398)

↓ A clever clasp/handhold gives Bambina di Cioccolato's mini clutch mega appeal. It's just the right size for a Treo and tickets to the Killers concert. (\$110, funkydala.com)



↓ Like something a Spanish fashionista might wear to bullfight or tapas bar, this cotton frock features a print recalling cathedral windows or Moorish floor tiles. (\$168, anthropologie.com)



↑ Get caught up in the crosshatches of Anna Corinna's leather and canvas tote, which boasts enough room for stacks of graphic novels. (\$398, anthropologie.com)

↩ Not sold on high waists yet? Try Laundry's Sophia Loren-ish, midriff-mini-mizing twill number. Contrast stitching means it would elicit whistles from signores paired with a snug tee in a B&W print or bright hue. (\$175, Nordstrom, Pentagon City)



→ Pre-Technicolor movie goddesses like Elizabeth Taylor would probably green-light these retro Lucite bangles. They'd add flash to a red dress. (\$9 each, ravinstyle.com)



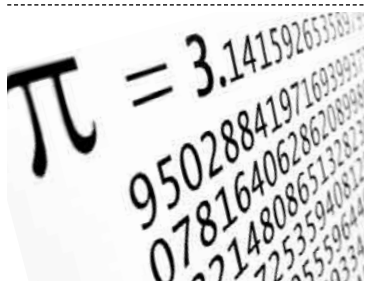
↩ The exaggerated silhouettes of Nanette Lepore's jacket and skirt put a subversive spin on the ladies-who-lunch look. (\$365 and \$210, All About Jane, 2839 Clarendon Blvd.; 703-243-4424) Also loco in a Coco way: Linea Paulo peep-toes. (\$96, Nordstrom)

bash in a flash

3.14 Is Your Lucky Number

■ What do you get when you divide the circumference of a circle by its diameter? A) An irrational real number; B) Archimedes' constant; C) A party. If you answered C, gather your friends on March 14 — Pi Day.

Pi is a number that goes on forever, starting with 3.14159. Hence, the best time to celebrate is March 14 at 1:59 p.m. See which of your friends can recite the most digits of pi, write a pi-ku or pi-em, or search for your cell phone number within the infinite digits of pi. Set the mood with Pi Day shirts and posters from pidye.com



or piday.org; free carols from teachpi.org will add ambiance.

San Francisco's Exploratorium boasts a pi shrine, a small brass plate engraved with Pi to a hundred digits. Math-lovers congregate here to honor the number that cannot be expressed as a fraction. "At 1:59 we circumnavigate the pi shrine 3.14 times singing happy birthday to Albert Einstein," says Ron Hipschman, a physicist for the Exploratorium. Einstein was born on Pi Day 127 years ago, which, as physicists like Hipschman enjoy pointing out, is 2 to the 7th power. "You could make your own pi shrine," Hipschman suggests. Just add a piñata, pie-eating contest or pie-in-the-face activity and your party will be easy as you-know-what. EMILY BRANDON



Go for sophisticated — and quite possibly sloshed — at this weekend's Washington D.C. International Wine & Food Festival (Ronald Reagan Building, \$80, dcwinefestival.com). See readexpress.com for more info.



Protocol of Potluck

A dish is your
command at
parties where
everyone helps

Jackie Kennedy never attended — let alone hosted — a potluck.

"I can't even put words in her mouth on that," sniffs Leticia Baldridge, the famed first lady's former chief of staff and protocol adviser. "That wasn't her thing."

But modern, urban professionals — i.e. the non-Camelot set — hail potlucks as a casual, cost-effective and time-saving way to entertain.

The term “potluck” means what it suggests: that the meal offered will be whatever serendipitously finds its way to the table. Thanksgiving may have been the very first BYO dish fest. The custom became popular when the Great Depression forced neighbors and friends to share food and resources. Since then, potlucks have evolved into a way to keep the party rolling without burdening one person. And the etiquette pitfalls — like telling friends, “Come for dinner, and, by the way, bring food” — vanish faster than a Pyrex of tuna noodle casserole with the right attitude and planning.

“Just be up-front about it,” says 24-year-old Kaitlin Dunne, a second-year law student at George Washington University who throws a potluck every few weeks. “People are usually really willing to bring something or help out. They get into it; they think it’s nice.”

Etiquette experts say Dunne has the right idea. And once the invitation hurdle's been crossed, don't skimp on specifics. "Be clear on what you want them to bring," says Pamela Eyring, director of the Protocol School of Washington. "That way, you have well-rounded courses, so it's not all meat or dessert."

Recalling a free-for-all potluck
that ended in pizza delivery after

little but cookies and veggie dip showed up, potluck veteran Katie Sweeney says she makes sure the food is plentiful — and coordinated — by holding themed dinners at her Ballston apartment.

Fondue parties are a favorite for Sweeney's crowd, and she's hoping to have an "Iron Chef" potluck, to which everyone brings a dish featuring the theme ingredient. For her "Chili and Chick Flicks" bash several months ago, Sweeney supplied the chili and let friends bring the sides: rice, cheese, onions, Fritos. "Living in the city, it's hard to get people to bring hot casseroles and things," says the 24-year-old health promotion coordinator for SRA International. "I supply the base

and then people bring things that are easily transported.”

When the guest list is large, Sweeney suggests assigning dishes according to last name, for example, asking A through D to bring appetizers, E through H to bring salads and so on.

Providing a main dish as Sweeney does is only one responsibility of the potluck host, etiquette mavens say. Other duties include setting the tone for the gathering with music, flowers and tablecloths, and managing its logistics: serving dishes and utensils, plates, silverware and napkins. And plastic and paper just won't do.

"Cloth napkins and not paper napkins," says Baldrige. "Paper napkins just class it down so fast. And paper cups — ugh!! Oh, Lord, no."

But such inflexibilities ignore the realities of city life. At a recent potluck brunch in her Dupont Circle apartment, Dunne not only used paper goods, but she also asked a pal to bring them. "I do that because I don't have a dishwasher," she says.

Ditto on booze. The strictest protocol requires the host to provide cocktails and a full bar set-up, says local etiquette coach Carole Margaret Randolph, right down to postprandial coffee. But beer, wine and soft drinks have long been the refuge of non-cooks, people with small kitchens, or invitees simply having a busy week. Having guests pitch in on drinks can also help lower the party's price tag.

Plus, communal meals can be a gift that keeps on giving, says Matt Rizzolo, another second-year law student at George Washington University and veteran of Dunne's potlucks: "The host brings whatever beer or liquor is left over to the next one." MICHELE KAYAL

TIP SHEET ►► THROW A PAIN-FREE POTLUCK



Group Effort: Be a Good Host or Guest

DO: Assess people's willingness and situation. Don't ask someone who hates to cook or who has a small kitchen to whip up a complex dish like Beef Wellington.

▶ **DON'T:** Be unprepared. Finish your cooking, cleaning and prep 15 to 30 minutes before guests arrive, assuring you — and they — will be relaxed.

DO: Manage the menu. Provide a main course to ensure there's some substantial chow, and specific categories, like salad or dessert. A theme—taco night, Chinese dim sum, cuisine involving the people hints about what to tote to your place.

bring beef stew, a diabetic to bring dessert or a friend in recovery to bring beer.

go in an appropriate serving container. And, no, Tupperware won't work.

DON'T: Blow off a potluck you promised to attend. If you were supposed to bring a yummy dessert, think how morose other guests will be to end their evening without your Super Fudge Sludge Pudding. m.k.

out there

SEEKING ANSWERS ON THE TOWN

Q Where are you going for spring break?

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1. "I would like to go to Colorado for snowboarding," Elena Segura. **"The same,"** David Aritmendiz. **2.** "I'm studying and working — most boring spring break ever," Sarah Moore. **3.** "I would go to Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, where I went to college," Jeff Schrumm. **4.** "Mexico," Andre Decraene, left. "I live in Florida, so I'm going to Sanibel Island," Felipe Jaramillo. "A miniature-golf tournament," Josh Romine. **5.** "I work, so I'm not going anywhere. But I was just in Miami," Jackie White. "Cancun. My girlfriend's not coming," Jon Goren. **6.** We have comps the week after, so I'm going to the library," Sarah Schwartz, left. "Anywhere but here. I'm going to New York for an interview," Angie Ong. **7.** "Tulum, Mexico — I'd like to go there," Jody Grippo. "I would go to South America," Ricky De Marchi Trevisan. **8.** "I want to go to Madagascar — someplace warm," Danielle Lane. "I want to go to Hong Kong," Omar Ashmawi. **9.** "I'm going to Dayton, Ohio, not Daytona, Florida," Matt Orlins. **10.** "The library to study — I'm a law student," Justin Nasatir. "Maybe Atlantic City. Maybe the library," Shelly Pianalto. **11.** "I'd go on a Caribbean cruise," Jessica Safranek. "I'm going on a cruise to the Bahamas," Tom Cain. MAURA JUDKIS AND ERIN SHEA



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✱ BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



Michael Lacy, Laura Lapetina

Michael, 29, is a systems analyst for United Communications Group. Laura, 27, is a Web developer and analyst for Worldwide ERC. They live in Bethesda.

- **The Main Event:** A "relatively formal" interfaith wedding for 200 guests on June 15 in Long Island.
- **Honeymoon:** A seven-day Hawaiian cruise, then three days in Vegas.
- **How They Met:** At a mixer for Mike's fraternity and Laura's sorority.

■ **First Impressions:** "It wasn't exactly love at first sight, as we were playing a drinking game at the time," said Mike. "The initial exchange went: 'What's your name?' 'Laura!' 'OK, Laura, drink!'" After three years of friendship and "constant bickering," they started dating.

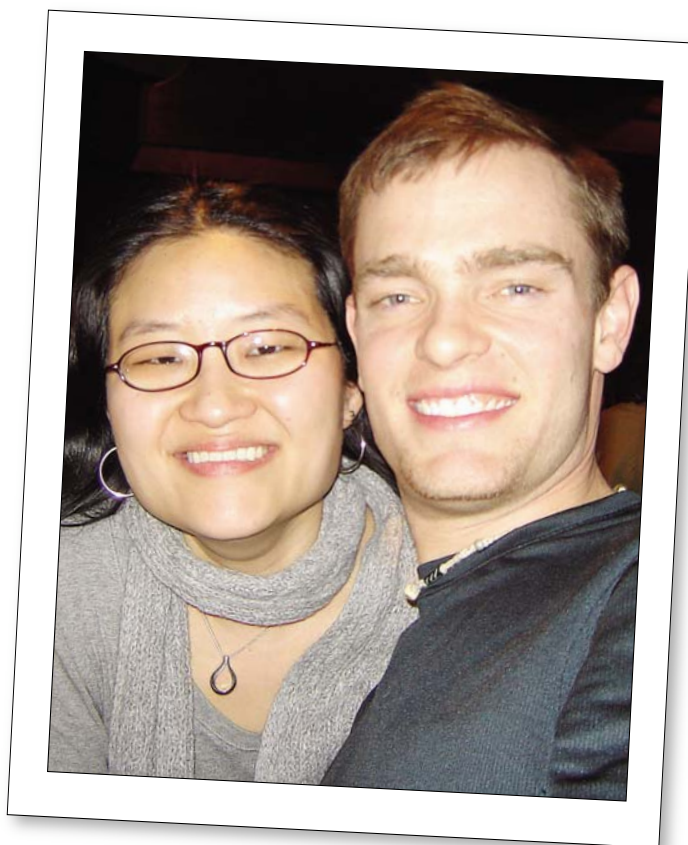
■ **Pet Names:** Laura's is "Tiger."

■ **When She Knew:** "Much sooner than he did," said Laura.

■ **How He Proposed:** "I've always loved the scene in 'Say Anything' where John Cusack holds up the boom box and plays 'In Your Eyes.' I used to joke to Mike that that's how he should propose," said Laura. "One day I was sitting at my computer and Mike turned on that same song. At first I thought he was joking, but when I turned around, he had the ring out."

■ **Making It Unique:** "Mike has this strange obsession with zebra print, so he's going to wear a zebra-print vest at the reception," said Laura.

"Our bickering turned into casual flirting," Laura said.



Ring in a Holiday

St. Patrick's Day: A time for beer. A time for green. A time for proposing, but getting it slightly wrong. At least that's how **STELLA LEE** and **BRANIC KELTZ** celebrated the holiday in 2006. "Branic had to go to the bathroom; when he came back, he bent his knee and nervously asked 'Will you marry me?'" said Stella. "But he signed the question too fast, so he repeated it. I smiled big and said, 'yes!' He finally put the ring on my finger. I was puzzled — Branic had accidentally given me the wedding band. He had to propose to me again with an engagement ring."

The couple, who met at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf, took awhile to warm up to one another. "Not my type" was Branic's first impression. Stella's was, "Branic is a nerd!" But they ended up as high school sweethearts for four years, then drifted apart, then reconnected on New Year's Eve 2005.

Stella, 27, is a second- and third-grade teacher. Branic, 28, is a student resident assistant. They live in Alexandria and will marry on March 17 in Pasadena, Md.

Jason Cooper, Nina Helmen

Jason, 29, is a news writer for WTTG Fox 5. Nina, 23, is a diamond specialist for Mervis Diamond Importers. They live in Chevy Chase.

- **The Main Event:** A Catholic ceremony in South Bend, Ind., for 200 guests on May 26.
- **How They Met:** While working at WNDU, a TV station in South Bend. "I was a news producer and Nina was an intern," said Jason. "It wasn't as scan-

dalous as it sounds — we didn't start dating until after her internship was finished."

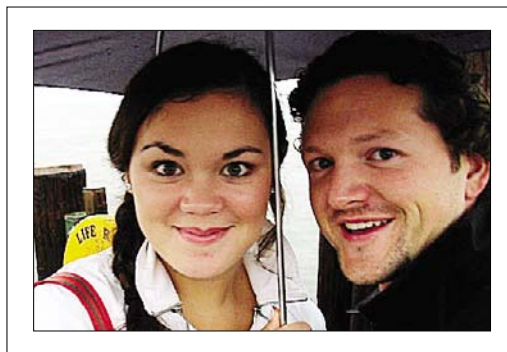
■ **First Date:**

Dinner and a movie — "Ray."

■ **Their Song:**

"Jason is a musician and has written many songs about me and our relationship," said Nina.

"But the first one, 'Maybe I Do,' he wrote during the early stages of our relationship. It's very romantic dating a musician."



■ **How He Proposed:** Nina was living in Germany on a Fulbright scholarship. When she came home for Christmas, Jason "made an amazing book with the

story of our relationship. He put together pictures and ticket stubs, and wrote a poem about how we met, fell in love, how I had left for Germany. I was reading it out loud and on the last page it said "and on the holiday she learned/he wanted not just to share his life/so he asked his love to be his wife."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "The day before Nina left for Germany, we got into a fight over who was going to do the dishes," said Jason. "We were really just upset about her leaving."

■ **Making It Unique:** The priest that will marry them also married Nina's parents.



Quinn Lindsay, Nicole Mitchell

Quinn, 25, is an electrical technician with M.C. Dean Transportation Systems Group. Nicole, 26, is a meetings and conventions coordinator with Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America Inc. They live in Washington.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal event for 108 guests on March 31 in Glen Burnie.
- **How They Met:** In their 10th-grade driver's ed class.
- **First Impressions:** "He's way too quiet," said Nicole. "She's very beautiful and I have to have her," said Quinn.
- **How He Proposed:** "He proposed standing up on my mother's terrace without a ring," said Nicole. "So I made him do it again on one knee once we found the ring that I loved."

"I knew I wanted to marry her when she cooked breakfast for me, and cooked it well."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "He sometimes puts the coffee mugs on the same shelf as the water glasses," said Nicole.

■ **When They Knew:** "When I saw how well he cleaned his mother's kitchen after dinner," said Nicole. "A man with dishpan hands is attractive." "When she cooked breakfast for me, and cooked it well," said Quinn.

■ **Making It Unique:** Their son, Mason Cole, will be the ring bearer.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** "That I will trip on the hem of my dress and fall down the stairs," said Nicole.

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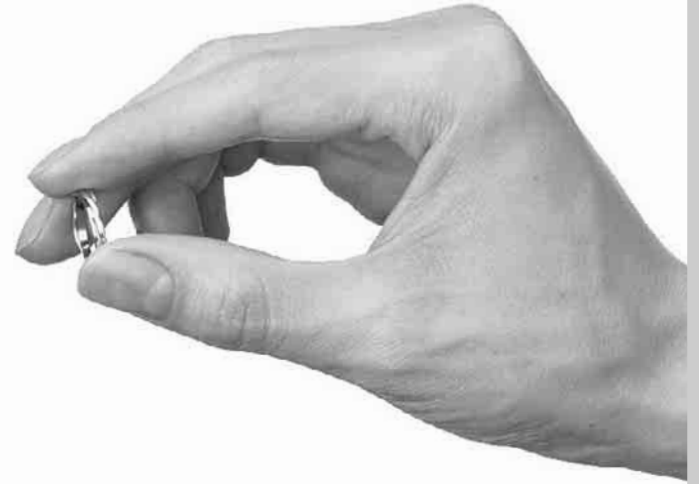
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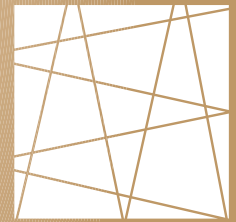
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